Fiue hundreth points of good husbandry vnited to as many of good huswiferie, first deuised, & nowe lately augmented with diuerse approued lessons concerning hopps & gardening, and other needeful matters together, with an abstract before euery moneth, containing the whole effect of the sayd moneth with a table & a preface in the beginning both necessary to be reade, for the better vnderstanding of the booke.

Set forth by Thomas Tusser gentelman, seruant to the honorable Lord Paget of Beudelert.

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¶ Cum priuilegio.

R.T.

¶ A lesson how to conferre euery abstract with hys moneth.

¶ In euery month, er in aught be begonne,
Read ouer ẏ month, what anailes to be dõne
So neyther this trauel, shal seeme to be lost:
Nor thou to repent, of this trifeling cost.

The figure of abstract, & month do agree,
Which one to another, relations bee,
The lessons that after those figures do stand:
Be points of them selues, to be taken in hand.

1 The Epistle to the Lord Thomas Paget second sonne, & now heire to the late lord Willi Paget his father. i.

2 The Epistle to the lord William Paget deceased, & the occasion first of this booke. fo. 3.

3 The Epistle to the reader. fol. 4.

4 The preface. fol. 5.

5 The commodity of husbandry. fol. eodem.

6 The prayse of husbandry by a riddle. eodem.

7 The description of husband & husbandry. fo. 6.

8 The ladder of xviii. steps to thrift. eodem.

9 Good husbandly lessons worthy to bee followed of suche as will thriue. fol. 7.

10 An habitacion enforced adulsedlie, better late then neuer made vpon these wordes, sit down Robin & rest thee. fo. ii.

11 Septembers abstract. eodem.

12 Septembres husbandry with the nedeful furniture of the barne, stable, ploughe, cart, yarde & fielde together with the maner of gathering hops, drying & keeping them. fo. 14.

13 Octobers abstract. 20.

14 Octobers husbandry. 21

15 Nouembers abstract. 21.

16 Nouembers husbandry. 23.

17 Decembers abstract. 24.

18 Decembers husbandry. 25

19 A digression directing to hospitality. 27

20 A description of tyme & the yere. eodem.

21 A description of life & riches. eodem.

22 A description of housekeping. fol. 28.

23 A description of Christmas. eodem.

24 A description of apt time to spende. eodem.

25 Against fantastical scrupulensse. fol. 29.

26 Christmas husbandly fare. eodem.

27 A Christmas Caroll. eodem.

28 Januaries abstract, & at the end therof diuers sorts of trees & fruits to be then set or remoued following the order of the alphabet or croste rowe. 30.

29 Januaries husbandry. 32.

30 Febꝛuaries abſtract 36
31 Febꝛuaries huſbandꝛy 37
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To the ryght honorable & my ſpeciall good Lord & Maſter, the Lord Paget of Beudeſert.

Chap. 1.

MI Lord your father loued me,
and you my lord, haue proued me,
And both your loues haue moued me,
to wright as here is donne:
Synce God hath hence your father,
ſuch flowers as I gather,
I dedicate now rather,
to you my Lorde his ſonne,

Your father was my founder,
till death became his wounder,
no ſubiect euer ſounder,
whom prince auauncement gaue:
As God did here defend him,
and honour here did ſend him,
ſo will I here commend him,
as long as life I haue.

His neighbours then did bliſſe him,
his ſeruants now do miſſe him,
the poore would gladly kiſſe him,
aliue agayne to be:
But God hath wraught his pleaſure,
and bleſt him out of meaſure,
with heauen & earthly treaſure,
ſo good a god is he.

His counſell had I vſed,
and Ceres art refuſed,

I neede

I nede not thus haue muſed,
nor droope as now I do:
But I muſt playe the farmer,
& yet no whit the warmer,
allthough I had his armer,
and other comfort to,

Eſops fable. The foxe doth make me minde him,
whoſe glory ſo did blinde him,
till taile cut of behinde hym,
no fare could him content:
euen ſo, muſt I be prouing,
ſuch glory I had in louinge,
of things to plough behouing,
that make me now repent,

Loytrers I kept ſo meany,
both Philip hob & Cheany,
that that way nothing geany,
was thought to make me thriue:
Saluſt. Like Iugurth Prince of Numid,
my gold away conſumid,
with loſſes ſo perfumid,
was neuer none aliue.

Great fines, ſo nere did pare me,
great rent, ſo much did ſkareme,
great charge, ſo long did dareme.
that made me at length cry creak:
Much more of all ſuch fleeſes,
as oft I loſt by peeces,
amonge ſuch wiely geeſes,
I liſt no lenger ſpeake,

Though countrey helth long ſtaied me,
yet leaſe expiering fraiedme,
& (ictus ſapit) praied me,
to ſeke more ſteady ſtaye:
New leſſons then I noted,
and ſome of olde I coted,
leaſt ſome ſhould thinke I doted,
by bringing naught awaye.

Though Pallas hath denied me,
her learned pen to guideme,
for that ſhe dailie ſpideme,
with countrey how I ſtood:
yet Ceres, ſo did boldeme,
with her good leſſons tolde me,
that rudenes cannot holdeme,
from doing countrie good.

Pallas goddeſſe of wiſedo & learnig

By practiſe & ill ſpeeding,
theaſe leſſons had their breeding,
and not by heare ſay, or reeding,
as ſome abrode haue blowne:
who will not thus belieueme,
ſo much the more they greiueme,
becauſe they grutch to geiueme,
that is of right myne owne.

At firſt for want of teaching,
at firſt for trifles breaching,
at firſt for ouer reaching,
& lacke of taking hid:
was cauſe, that toile ſo toſtme,
that practiſe ſo much coſtme,
that raſhnes ſo much loſtme,
or hindred as it did.

Yet will I not diſpaire,
through Gods good gift ſo faire,
through frendſhip, golde & praier,
in Countrey againe to dwell:
Where rent ſo ſhall not paine me,
but paine ſhall help to gaine me,
and gaine ſhall help maintaine me,
newe leſſons mo to tell.

For Citie ſeemes a wringer,
the peny for to finger,
from ſuch as there do linger,
or for their pleaſure lye:
Though countrey be more painefull,
and not ſo greedy gainefull,
yet is it not ſo vainefull,
in following fancies eye.

I haue no labour wanted,
to prune this tree I planted,
whoſe fruit to none is ſcanted,
in houſe nor yet in fyeld:
Which fruite to ſaye (who haſte of)
though nere ſo much they taſte of,
yet can they make no waſte of,
ſuch fruite this tree doth yelde.

This tree or booke thus framed,
with tytle already named,
I truſt goes forth vnblamed,
in your good Lordſhips name:
As my good Lorde I take you,
and neuer will forſake you,
ſo now I craue to make you,
defender of the ſame.

Your moſt humble ſeruant Thomas Tuſſer.

The authors epistle to the late Lorde William Paget, wherein he doth discourse of his owne bringing vp, and of the goodnes of the saide Lorde his Master vnto him, and the occasion of this his booke, thus set forthe of his owne long practise.

Chap. 2.

THOMAS
Tyme trieth the trothe, in euerie thinge
How euer man, doth blase his minde,
Of workes, which best way profit bring,
Men rash to iudge, seme often blinde.
As therefore trothe, in time shal craue:
So let this booke, iust fauour haue.

THYSAR
Take yow my Lorde, & Master than,
Vnlesse mischance, mischanseth me:
Such homely gift, of me your man,
Since more in courte, I may not be.
And let your praise, wonne heretofore,
Remaine abrode, for euermore.

MAGEME
My seruinge yow, thus vnderstand,
And God his help, and yours with al:
Did cause good lucke, to take mine hand,
Erectinge one, moste lyke to fall.
My seruing yow, I know it was,
Enforced this, to come to passe.

The Epistle.

Since being once, at Cambridge taught,
Of court ten yeres, I made assaye,
No musick then, was left vnsaught,
Such care I had, to serue that way.
when ioy gan slake, then made I change:
Expulsed mirth, for musick strange.

My musick since, hath ben the plough,
Entangled with some care among,
The gayne not great, the payne enough,
Hath made me sing, another song,
which song, if well I may avow:
I craue, it iudged be by yow.

Your seruant Thomas Tusser.

Chap.3.

I Haue ben prayde
to ſhewe mine ayde,
in taking payne
not for the gayne,
but for good will
to ſhew ſuch ſkill
as ſhew I coulde:
That huſbandrye
with huſwiferye,
as cock & hen
to countrey men,
all ſtraungenes gone
mought ioyne in one
as louers ſhoulde.

I truſt both this,
perfourmed is,
and how that here,
it ſhall appere,
with iudgement right,
to thy delight,
is brought to paſſe:
That ſuche as wiue
and faine would thriue,
be plainely taught,
how good from naught,
may trym be tryed
and liuely ſpyed
as in a glaſſe.

What ſhould I wyn
by wrighting in,
my loſſes paſt
that ranne as faſt,
as running ſtreame
from reame to reame,
that flowes ſo ſwift:
For that I coulde
not get for goulde,
to teache me how
as this doth yow,
through dayly gayne,
the way ſo playne,
to come by thrift:

What is a grote
or twaine to note,
once in the life
for man or wife,
to ſaue a pounde
in houſe or grounde
eache other weeke:
What more for helth,
what more for welth,
what needeth leſſe
runne Iack, help Beſſe,
to ſtay a mys
not hauing thys
farre of to ſeeke.

To the Reader.

I do not craue
moe thankes to haue,
then geuen to me
al ready be,
but this is all
to ſuche as ſhall
peruſe this booke:
That for my ſake
they gently take,
what ere they finde
againſt their minde,
when he or ſhe
ſhall mynded be
therein to looke.

And graunt me nowe
thow reader thow,
of termes to vſe
ſuche choyce to chuſe,
as maye delight
the couutrey wight
& knowledge bring:
For ſuche do prayſe
the countrey phrayſe,
the countrey actes,
the countrey factes,
the countrey toyes,
before the ioyes,
of any thing.

Nor loke thow here
that euery ſhere,
of euery verſe
I thus reherſe,
may profit take
or vantage make,
by leſſons ſuche:
For here, we ſee
things ſeuerall bee,
and there, no dyke
but champion lyke,
and ſandye ſoyle
and clayey toyle
do differ muche.

This being waide
be not afraide,
to buy to proue
to reade with loue,
to followe ſome
and ſo to come
by practiſe trew:
My payne is paſt,
thow warning haſt,
the experience myne,
the vantage thyne,
may geue the choyce
to crye or reioyce,
and thus adew.

Finis. T. Tuſſer.

Chap.4.

WHat lokeſt thow herein to haue,
Fyne verſes thy fanſy to pleaſe?
Of manye my betters that craue,
Loke nothing but rudenes in theaſe.

VVhat other thinge lookeſt thou then?
Graue ſentences manye to finde?
Such poets haue twenty and ten
Yea thouſandes contenting the minde.

what loke ye (I pray you ſhew what?)
Termes painted with rethorick fyne?
Good huſbandry ſeeketh not that,
Nor iſt any meanyng of myne.

what lookeſt thou (ſpeake at the laſt)
Good leſſons for thee and thy wyfe?
Then keepe them in memory faſt,
To helpe as a comfort to lyfe.

VVhat looke ye for more in my booke?
Poyntes needeful and meete to be knowne?
Then dayly be ſuer to looke,
To ſaue to be ſuer thine owne.

Let house haue to fill her,
Let land haue to till her.

No dwellers, what profiteth houses to stand,
what goodnes, vnoccupied bringeth the land.
No labor no bread,
No host we be dead.

No husbandry vsed, how soone shall we sterue,
housekeping neglected, what comfort to serue.
Ill father no gift,
No knowledge no thrift.

The father an vnthrift, what hope to the sonne,
the ruler vnskilfull, how quickly vndonne.

Chap. 6.

As true as thy fayth,
this Riddle thou layst.

The prayse of husbandry.

I Seme but a drudge, yet I please any king,
to such as can vse me, great profit I do bring.
Since Adam first lined, I neuer did die,
when Noe was a shypman, there also was I.
The earth is my storehouse, the sea my fishponde,
what good is in eyther, by me it is fonde,
what hath any life, but I helpe to preserue,
what wight without me, but is ready to sterue.
In woodland, in Champion, City or towne,
if long I be absent, what falleth not downe,
If long I be present, what goodnes can want,
though things at my comming, were neuer so scant.
So many as loue me, & vse me aright,
with treasure & pleasure, I richly requite.
Great kings I do nurture, else worse would it go,
the king of all kings, hath appointed it so.

The

Chap. 7.

OF husbād, doth husbandry challenge that name
of husbandry, husband doth likewise the same.
where huswife & huswifery, ioyneth with thease:
there welth in abundance, is gotten with ease.

The name of a husband, what is it to saye,
of wife & the houshold, the band & the staye.
Some husbandly thriueth, that neuer had wife,
yet skarce a good husband, in goodnes of life.

The husband is he, that to labour doth fall,
the labour of him, I do husbandry call.
If thrift by that labour, be any way caught:
then is it good husbandry, els is it naught.

So houshold & housholdry, I do define,
for folke & the goods, that in house be of thine.
House beping to them, as a refuge is set:
which like as it is, so repeir it doth get.

Be house or the furniture, neuer so rude,
of husband & husbandry, (thus I conclude)
that huswife & huswifery, if it be good,
must pleasure together, as cosins in blood.

The ladder to thrift. Chap. 8.

TO take thy calling thankfully,
and shonne the path to beggery.
To grudge in youth no drudgery,
to come by knowledge perfectly.

3 To compt no trauell slauery,
that brings in peny sauerly.

4 To folow profit earnestly,
but medle not with pilfery.

5 To get by honest practisy,
and kepe thy gettings couertly.

7 To lash not out too lashingly,
for feare of pynching penury.

8 To get good plot to occupy,
and store & vse it husbandly.

8 To shew to landlorde curtesy,
and kepe thy couenants orderly.

9 To holde that thine is lawfully,
for stoutnes, or for flatery.

10 To wed good wife for copany,
and liue in wedlock honestly.

11 To furnish house w houholdry,
and make prouision skilfully.

12 To ioyne to wyfe good famely,
and none to keepe for brauery.

13 To suffer none liue idlely,
for feare of idle knauery.

14 To courage wife in huswifery,
and vse well doers gently.

15 To kepe no more but wedfully,
and roumpt excesse vnlauery.

16 To rayse betimes by readely,
both mozting Hob and Margery.

17 To walke thy pastures vsually,
to spie ill neighbours suttlety.

18 To hate reuengement hastely,
foz loesing loue and amity.

19 To liue by neighbour neighbourly,
and shew him no discurtesy.

20 To answer stranger ciuely,
but shew him not thy secretsie.

21 To vse no frind disceiptfully,
and offer no man villeny.

22 To learne how foe to pacifie,
but trust him not to trustely

23 To keepe thy touch substancially,
and in thy wozd vse constancy.

24 To make thy bandes aduisedly,
and come not bond thzough suerty.

25 To hate to liue in infamy,
thzough craft and liuing naughtely.

26 To banish howse of blasphemy,
least Crosses crosse vnluckely.

27 To stop mischance, thzough polecy,
foz chansing to vnhappely.

28 To beare thy crosses pacientlỹ,
foz wozldly things are slippery.

29 To traine thy childe vp vertuously,
that vertue, vice may qualify.

30 To bridle wilde otes fantazie,
to spend thee naught vnthriftely.

31 To pray to God continually,
to aide thee against thine enemy.

32 To spend the Saboth holyly,
and helpe the poore in misery.

33 To liue in conscience quietly,
and keepe thy selfe from malady.

34 To ease thy sickness spedely,
er help be past recouery.

Thease bee the steppes vnfainedly:
to clime to thrift by husbandry.

The lesson. ¶ Thease steppes both reach,
& teache thee shall,
to come by thrift,
to shifte with all.

Good husbandly lessons worthy to bee followed
of suche as will thriue. Chap. 9.

GOd sedeth & geueth, both mouth & the meate,
& feedeth vs all, with his benefits great.
serue willingly god, that so richly doth geeue,
shew loue to thy neighbour, and lay for to leeue.

2 True wedlock is best, for auoiding of sinne,
the bed vndefiled, muche honour doth winne.
Though loue be in chusing, farre better thē golde,
let loue come with somwhat, the better to holde.

3 Where cooples agree not, is ranker & strife,
where such be together, is seldome good life.
where cooples in wedlock, do louely agree:
there loison remaineth if wisdome there bee.

4 Who loketh to marry, must lay to kepe howse,
for loue may not alway, be playing with douse.
If children encrease, & no stay of thine owne,
what afterwards follows, is sonne to be knowne.

5 Once charged with children, or likely to bee,
geeue ouer to sudgerne, that thinkest to thee.
Least grutching of hostis, & crauing of nurse:
be costly and noysome to thee and thy purse.

Thee so
thriue,

6 Good husbādś loueth, good howses to kepe,
are oftentimes carefull, when others do slepe.
To spend as they may, or to stop at the furste,
for running in daunger, or feare of the wurste.

7 Go coumpt with thy cokers, whē haruest is in,
which way for thy profit, to saue or to win.
of tone of them both, if a sauer we smell:
house keeping is godly, where euer we dwell.

8 Sōne, think not thy money, purse bottō to burn
but kepe it for profit, to serue thine owne turne.

a foole this money, he soone at debate:
which after with sorow, repents him to late.

9. Good bargaine a doing, make priuie but fewe,
in selling, refraine not abrode it to shewe.
in making make haste, & away to thy pouche:
in selling no haste, if ye dare it auouche.

10 Good landlord who findeth, is blessed of God,
a cumbersome landlord, is husband mans rod.
he nopeth, destroyeth, and all to this drift:
to strip his poore tenant, of ferme & of thrift.

11 Once placed for profit, looke neuer for ease
except ye beware of, such mychers as thease.
4. Beggers. vnthriftines, slouthfulnes, carelesnes and rashe,
that thrust thy hee hedlong, to runne in the lashe.

Thriftes officers. 12 Make mony thy drudge, for to folow thy warke
make wisedome controller, good order thy clarke.
prouision Cater, and skill to bee cooke:
make steward of all, pen & inke & thy booke.

13 Make hunger thy sauce, as a medcen for helth.
make thyrst to be buttler, as phisick for welth.
make eye to be sylder, good vsage to haue:
make wit to be porter, to keepe out a knaue.

14 Make husbandry dayly, abrode to prouide,
make huswifery dayly, at home for to guide.
make coffer fast locked, thy treasure to keepe:
make house to be sure, the safer to sleepe.

15 Make bandog thy scoutwach, to bark at a thiefe
make curtage for life, to be captaine chief.
make trapdore thy bulwarke, make bell to begin:
make gunstone and arow, shew who is within.

16 The credit of master, to brothel his man,
and also of mistris, to minnekin nan,
be causers of opening, a number of gappes:
that letteth in mischief, and many mishaps.

17 Good husbād he trudgeth, to bring in ꝑ gaines
good huswife she drudgeth, refusing no paines,
though husbād at home, be to coumpt ye wot what
yet huswife within, is as needefull as that.

18 What helpeth in store, to haue neauer so much,
halfe lost by ill vsage, ill huswiues and such.
so, twenty lode bushes, cut downe at a clapp:
such heede may be taken, shall stopp but a gapp.

19 A reacheleſſe ſeruant, a mistris that skowles, 6. noiāces
a rauening mastife, a hogges that eate fowles, to thrifte.
a giddy brayne master, a stroy all his knaue:
brings rueling to ruyne, and thrift to her graue.

20 With some ꝺ̄ Sundaies, their tables do reke
and halfe the weeke after, their dinners to seke.
not often exceading, but alway enough:
is husbandly fare, and the guise of the plough.

21 Eche day to be feasted, what husbandly purse,
eche day for to feast, is as ill for the purse.

yet measurely feasting, with neighbors among:
shall make the beloued, & leue the more long.

22 Things husbādly hādsome, let workmā cōtriue
but build not for glory, that thinkest to thriue.
who fondly in doing, consumeth his stock:
in thend for hys folly, doth get but a mock.

23 Spend none but your own, how soeuer ye sped
for bribing & shifting, haue seldome good end.
Tithe duely & truely, with harty good will:
that god & his blessing, may dwell with thee still.

24 Be suertie seldome, (but neuer for muche)
for feare of purse penyles, hanging by suche.
Or skarborow warning, as ik I beleue,
when (Sir I arest ye) gets holde of thy sleue.

25 Vse (legem pone) to pay at thy daye,
but vse not Oremus, for often delaye.
Yet (Presta quæsumus) out of a grate:
of all other collets, the lender doth hate.

26 Who liuing but lends, & be lent to they must,
else buying & selling, mought lye in the dust.
But shameles & craftie, that desperat are:
make many full honest, the worser to fare.

27 At sometime to borow, accoumpt it no shame,
if iustly thou kepest, thy touch for the same.
Who quick be to borrow, & slow be to pay:
their credit is naught, go they neuer so gay.

28 Who

28 Who breaketh his credit, or cracketh it twise,
trust such with a suertie, yf ye be wise.
Or if he be angry, for asking thy due:
once euen, to him afterward, lend not a new.

29 Accoumpt it well sold, that is iustly wel paide,
& coumpt it well bought, that is neuer denayde.
But yet here is tone, here is tother doth best:
for buyer & seller, for quiet & rest.

30 Leaue princes affaires vndesranted on,
& tende to such doinges as stande the vppon.
In substance, although ye haue neuer so much,
delite not in parasites, harlots & suche.

31 As Intrest or vsery, plaieth the dreuel,
so, hilback & filbelly, bieteth as euill.
But dyeling among them, & docking the dell:
& smell of a begger where euer ye dwell.

32 Once weekely remember, thy charges to cast,
once monthly se how, thy expences may last.
If quarter declareth to much to be spent:
for feare of yll yere, take aduise of thy rent.

33 Who orderly entreth, his paiments in booke,
may orderly finde them againe if he looke.
And he that entendeth, but once for to paye:
shall finde thys in doing, the quietest waye.

34 In dealing vprightly, thys councell I teache,
first recken, then write, or to purse ye do reache.

then pay & dispatch him, as sone as ye can,
for lingring is hindrance to many a man.

35 Haue waights I aduise thee, for siluer & golde,
for some bee in knauery, now a dayes bolde.
and for to be suer, good money to pay:
receiue that is currant, as nere as ye may.

36 Delight not for pleasure, two howses to keepe,
least charge without measure, vpon the do crepe,
and Iankin & Jenykin, cosen the so:
to make the repent it, or yere about go.

37 The stone that is rowling, can gather no mosse,
who often remoueth, is sure of losse.
the riche it compelleth, to pay for his pride,
the poore, it vndoeth on euery side.

38 The eye of the master, enricheth the hutch,
the eye of the mistris, auaileth as much.
which eye, if it gouern with reason & skill:
hath seruant & seruice, at pleasure & will.

39 Who seketh reuengement of euery wrong,
in quiet nor safety, continueth long.
so he that of wil ulnes trieth the lawe:
shal striue for a corcombe, & thriue as a dawe.

40 To hūters & haukers, take heede what ye say
milde answer with curtesie, driues them away.
so, where a mans better, will open a gapp:
resist not with rudenes, for feare of mishapp.

41 A man

41 A mā in this world, for a churle that is knowne,
shall hardly in quiet, keepe that is his owne.
where lowly & such, as of curtesie smelles:
findes fauor & frendship, where euer he dwelles.

42 Keepe truely thy Saboth, the better to speede,
keepe seruant fro gadding, but when it is neede.
keepe fysh day & fasting day, as they do fall:
what custome thou keepest, let others keepe all.

43 Pay wekely thy workmā, his household to fede,
pay quarterly seruants, to buy as they nede.
geue garment to suche, as deserue & no mo:
least thou and thy wife, without garment do go.

44 Beware raskabilia, slouthfull to wurke,
prologuers & filchers, that loueth to lurke.
away with such lubbers, so loth to take payne:
that roules in expenses, but neuer no gayne.

45 Good wife, & good childrē, are worthy to eate,
good seruant, good labourer, earneth their meate
good frend & good neighbour, that fellowly gest:
with hartely welcome, should haue of the best.

46 The greatest prefermēt, that childe we cā geue,
is learning & nurture, to trayne him to leue.
which who so it wanteth, though left as a squyer:
consumeth to nothing, as block in the fyer.

47 These lessons approued, if wisely ye note,
may saue & auantage ye, many a grote.

which if ye can follow, occasion founde:
then euery lesson, may saue thee a pounde.

An habitacion enforced aduisedly to be followed better late then neuer: made vpon these wordes, sit downe Robin and rest thee. Chap. 10.

MI Friend if cause doth wrest thee,
(ere folly hath much oppresst thee)
Far from acquaintaunce kest thee,
where countrey may digest thee.
Let wood & water request thee,
In good corne soile to nest thee,
where pasture and meade may brest thee,
And helthsome ayre inuest thee.
Though enuye shall detest thee,
Let that no whit molest thee,
thanke God that so hath blest thee,
And sit downe Robin and rest thee.

¶ Septembers abstract. Cap. 11.

September blow soft,
Till fruite be in loft.

Forgotten month past,
do now at the last.

GOod ferme now take.
Keepe still or forsake.

1 Plow, sence, & sowe,
Aught els before.

2 What helpes reuine,
The thriuing to thriue.

4 By titts and tuch,
Few gaineth much.

5 Hoyst

5 Horſe ſtrong & light,
ſoone charges quight.

Light hed & purſe,
what lightnes warſe.

6 Who goes a horowing,
goes a ſorowing.

Fewe lends but fooles,
their worcking tooles.

7 For ſtable & barne,
what furniture larne.

What more doth neede,
heare mayſt thow reede.

Reade ſtill downe lower,
till twenty & fower.

25 Take ſhipping or ryde,
lent ſtuffe to prouide.

26 Let Haberden lye,
in peaſeſtraw dye.

27 Lay muck out of hand,
vpon Barley land.

28 Some gaine ſpie out,
by ryding about.

Marke now of yere,
what cheape, what dere.

29 Some ſkill doth well,
to buy & ſell.

Of thiefe who buyeth,
in danger lyeth.

30 Commoditie knowne,
abrode is blowne.

31 At firſt hand buy,
at thirde let lye.

32 Haue money preſt,
to buy at the beſt.

33 Home cattel home bring,
for Whitſonmas ſpring.

By hawke & hound,
ſmall profit is found.

34 Diſpatche looke home,
to loytering mome.

Prouide or repent,
milch kow for lent.

35 Now crone thy ſheepe,
fat thoſe ye keepe.

Leaue milking olde kow,
fat aged vp now.

36 Plow burne or mowe,
great ſtubble lowe.

Eate etche er ye plow,
with hog, ſheepe & kow.

Downe hame a patche,
get home to thatch.

37 Where Barley did growe
ſtrike, wheat to ſowe.

Yet better I thinke,
ſowe peaſe after drinke.

38 Lād cheateth the plough,
enough is enough.

Each diuers ſoyle,
hath diuers toyle.

39 Know plowing land,
let plow els ſtand.

Some countreys ble,
that ſome refuſe.

40 Few after crop much,
but nodyes & ſuche.

What croppers bee,
here looke and ſee.

Rye, Barly & Wheat,
be croppers great.

Though Otes do ſucke,
yet peaſe do mucke.

41 Still carlage is good,
for tymber & wood.

No longer delayes,
to mend the high wayes.

42 Home ſe well ſet,
learne where to ſet.

43 In pyling of loggs,
make houell for boggs.

44 Get home with the brake,
to brew with & bake.

To couer the ſhed,
drye ouer the hed.

To lys vnder mow,
to rot vnder Row.

45 Grene Rye haue ſomr.
er Michelmas come.

46 Graunt ſoyle her luſt,
ſow Rye in the duſt.

Such ſeede ye ſolwe,
ſuch reape or mowe.

47 See corne ſowne in,
to thick nor thin.

For want of ſeede,
lande bringeth weede.

48 Trench redge & forough,
that water may thorough.

With ſling or bowe,
kepe corne fro Crowe.

49 Sell butter & cheeſe,
good fayres ſelue leeſe.

At fayres buy,
home want to ſupply.

50 If hops looke browne,
go gather them downe.

But not in a deawe,
nor pidling with feawe.

51 Of Hops this knack,
put in thy pack.

Hops had thy fyll,
gotcouer his byll.

52 Take Hop to thy dole,
but breake not his pole.

53 Learne

53 Learn here thow ſtranger,
to frame hop manger.

54 Hop pole preſerue,
agayne to ſerue.

Hop pole by & by,
lay ſafe by & dry.

Leaſt poles wer ſcant,
lay new to plant.

55 The Hops reil dryde,
will beſt abyde.

Hops dryde in loft,
aſke tendance oft.

56 Hops dryed ſmall coſt,
ill kept halfe loſt.

Hops ſoone be ſpilt,
take heede, if thow wilt.

57 Amend marſh wall,
Crab holes & all.

58 Geld Bulls & Rammes,
ſeaw ponds, mend dames.

Sell webſter thy wull,
fruites gather, grapes pull.

For feare of drabbs,
go gather thy crabbs.

59 Pluck fruite to laſt,
when Mighel is paſt.

60 Forget it not,
fruite bruſed will rot.

Light ladder & long,
doth tree leaſt wrong.

Go gather with ſkill,
and gather that will.

61 Dime hyue good coney,
for wex & honey.

No dryning of hyue,
till yeres paſt fyue.

62 Good dwelling gens Bee,
or hence goeth ſhee.

63 Put Boxe into fyre,
for Hallontyde nye.

64 With Boxe good Syſſe,
let naught be ampiſſe.

65 Karle Hemp left grene,
now pluck by clene.

Drowne hemp as ye nede
once had out ſeede.

I pray the good Kyt,
drowne hemp in pyt.

66 Of all the reſt,
whight hemp is beſt.

Let ſkilfull be gotten,
leaſt hemp proue rotten.

67 Set Strawberies wiſe,
I lone them for life.

68 Plant Reſp & Roſe,
and ſuche as thoſe.

69 Go gather vp maſt,
er time be paſt.

Maſt, katts vp ſwine,
maſt, kills vp kine.

70 Let hoggs be young,
both olde & young.

71 No maſt vpon Oke,
no lenger vnyoke.

If hogg do trye,
geue care & eye.

72 Hoggs haunting corne,
may not be borne.

73 Good neighbor ſhow,
good cuſtome allow.

No ſkaring with dog,
while maſt is for hog.

74 Keepe ſafely thy fence,
ſkare breake hedge thence.

A drab & a knaue,
will proule to haue.

75 Marke twinde & moone,
at night & noone.

Some riggs the plow,
ſome milkes the kow.

Some pele ſome pilch,
ſome linnen filch.

76 Red kur or black,
few prouiders lack.

77 Marke folke with griefe,
through prouling theefe.

78 To ſaiue pit draiue,
boorde log to ſaiue.

79 Let log be hayle,
leaſt profit quayle.

Such boorde & pale,
is ready ſale.

80 Saiue ſlab let lye,
for ſtable & rye.

Saiue dull ſpred thick,
makes alley trick.

Now as ye wilh,
go ſeuer thy filh.

When frend ſhall come,
to be ſure of ſome.

Thy ponds renew,
put Eeles in ſtew.

No liue till lent,
and then to be ſpent.

Set prune or plum,
ſet bor like him.

Set herbes ſome more,
for wynter ſtore.

Set gilly flowers nil,
that growes on the wall.

Sowe ſeedes for the pot,
for flowers ſowe not.

Chap. 12.

PRouide against Mighelmas, bargeine to make
for ferme to geue ouer, to kepe or to take.
In doing of eyther, let wyt beare a stroke:
for buying or selling, of pig in the poke.

2 ¶Good ferme & wel stocred, good howsing & drye
good corne & good dayry, good market and nye.
Good shepard, good tilman, good Jack & good Jil
make husband and huswife, their cofers to fil.

3 Let pasture be stocred, and fenced about,
and tillage set forward, as nedeth without.
Before ye do open, your purse to begin:
with any thing doing, for sanly within.

4 No storing of pasture, with baggedgly tyt,
with ragged, with aged, and euel athyt.
Let karren and barren, be shifted away,
for best is the best, whatsoeuer ye pay.

5 Horse, oxen, plough, tumbrel, cart, waggē & wain
the lighter and stronger, the greater thy gaine.
The soile & the sede, with the sheafe & the purse:
the lighter in substance, for profit the wurse.

6 To borowe to day, and to morowe to misse,
for lender & borower, nopance it is.
Thē haue of thine owne, without lēding vnspilt:
or borow with sorow, as long as thow wilt.

¶A Dygression to husbandly furniture.

Barne

Barne furniture.

7 Barne locked, gofeladder, ſhort pitchforke & long
Flayle, ſtrawforke & rake, with a fan that is ſtrong.
wing, cartnaue & buſhel, peck, ſtrike ready hand:
Broome, caſting ſholue, ſack that is cloſe with a band

Stable furniture.

8 A ſtable well planked, with key and a lock,
walles ſtrongly wellliened, to beare of a knock.
A rack & a manger, good litter & haye:
Swete chaffe & ſome prouender euery daye.

9 A pytch forke, a dong forke, ſeeue, ſkep & a bin,
A broome & a paile, to put water therein.
A handbarowe, whelebarowe, ſholue & a ſpade:
a currey combe, mainecombe, & whip for a Jade.

10 A buttrice & pinſers, a hammer & naile,
an Apern & ſyſſers, for hed & for tayle.
Hole brydle & ſaddle, whyt leather & nall:
with coller & harneis, for thyller and all.

11 A pannel & wantey, packſaddle & ped,
a line to fetch, litter, & halters for hed.
With crotchis & pinns, to hang trinkets thete on:
And ſtable faſte chnaied, that nothing be gon.

Cart furniture.

12 Strong exeltred cart, that is clowted & ſhod,
cart, ladder & wimble, with percer & pod.
whele ladder for harueſt, light pitchforke & tough:
ſhaue, whyplaſh well knotted, & cart rope enough.

13 Ten ſacks, where of ery one holdeth a coome,
a pulling hooke handſome, for buſhes & broome.

Lyght

Light Tumbzel, a dong crone, foz easing ſir wagg:
ſholue, pickax & mattock, with bottle & bagg.

14 A Grinſtone, a whetſtone, a hatchet & bill, Huſbādry
with hamer & Inglish naile, ſozted with ſkill. tooles.
A frower of Iron, foz cleauing of lath,
with roule foz a ſawpit, good huſbandzy hath.

15 A ſhozt ſaw, & long ſawe, to cut a too loggs,
an ax & a nads, to make troffe, foz thy hoggs.
A Douer court betle, & wedges with ſtele:
ſtrong leauer to rayſe vp, the block fro the whele.

16 Two plows & a plowchein. ii. culters. iii. ſhares, Ploughe
w̄ ground clouts, & ſideclouts, foz foile ẏ ſo tares, furniture.
with orbowes & oriokes, & other things moe:
foz ozteme & hozſeteme, in plough foz to goe.

17 A plow betle, ploughſtaff, to furder the plough,
great clod to a ſunder, that breaketh ſo rough.
A ſled foz a plough, & another foz blocks,
foz chimney in winter, to burne vp their docks,

18 ſedge collers foz plowhozſe, foz lightnes of neck
good ſeede & good ſower, & alſo ſede peck.
Strong oxen & hozſes, well ſhod & well clad,
well meated & bſed, foz making thee ſad.

19 A barley rake toothed, with Iron & ſteele,
like paier of harrowes, & rowler doth weele.
A ſling foz a moether, a bowe foz a boye,
a whip foz a carter, is hoigh de la roye.

20 A brush sythe, & grasse syth, with rifle to stand,
a cradle for barley, with rubstone & sand.
Sharpe sickle & weeding hooke, hayforke & rake,
a meake for the pease, & to swinge vp the brake.

21 Rakes also for barley, long toothed in hed,
and greater like toothed, for barley so shed.
with skuttle or skreine, to rid soile fro the corne,
and sharing sheares ready, for sheepe to be shorne.

22 Long Ladder to hang all along by the wall,
to reach for a neede, to the top of the hall.
Beame, skales w the waigths, ẏ are sealed & true,
sharp mowl spare w barbs, ẏ the mowle do so rue.

23 Hog yokes, & a twicher, & ring for a hog,
with tar in a pot, for the byeting of dog.
A sheepe marke, a tarre kettle, litle or mitch,
two pottles of tarre, to a pottle of pitch.

24 A forke & a hoke, to be tampring in clay.
a lath hamer, trowell, a hod, or a tray.
Strong fetters & shackles, with horslock & pad,
strong soles, & such other things, meete to be had.

¶ Here endeth husbandly furniture.

25 ¶ Whē harvest is ended, take shipping or ryde,
Ling, saltfish, & herring, for lent to prouide.
To buy at the first, as it commeth to rode,
shall pay for thy charges thou spendest abrode.

26 Chuse skilfully saltfish, not burnt at the stone,
buy suche as is good, or els let it alone.

Get

Get home that is bought, & go ſtack it vp dryer:
with peaſeſtraw betwene it, the ſafer to lye.

27 Er euer ye iourney, cauſe ſeruãt with ſpeede,
to compas thy barley land, where it is neede.
One acre well compaſſed, paſſeth ſome three:
thy barne ſhall at harueſt, declare it to the.

28 This leſſon is learned, by riding about,
the prieſes of vitell, the yere thorough out.
Both what to be ſelling, & what to refraine:
& what to be buying, to bring in againe.

29 Though buying & ſelling, doth wonderful well,
to ſuch as haue ſkill, how to buy & to ſell.
yet chopping & changing, I cannot commende:
with knaue & hys marrow, for feare of ill ende.

30 The rich in his bargening, nedes not be tought,
of buyer & ſeller, full farre is he ſought.
Yet herein conſiſteth, a part of our teri:
who buyeth at firſt hand, at ſecond & next:

31 At firſt hand he buyeth, that payeth al downe,
at ſecond, that hath not ſo much in the towne.
at third hand he buyeth, that buyeth of truſt:
at hys hand who buyeth, ſhall pay for hys luſt.

32 As oft as ye bargaine, for better or wurſe,
to buy it the cheaper, haue chinks in thy purſe.
Slouth kept is commended, yet credit to keepe,
is pay & diſpatch him, er euer ye ſleepe.

33 Be mindefull abrode, of a Wighelmas springe
For there on dependith, a husbandly thinge,
Though some haue a pleasure, with hawk vpō hād
Good husbands get treasure, to purchas their lād.

34 Thy market dispatched, turne home again rould
Least gaping for penye, thow loseſt a pound,
Prouide for thy wife, or else looke to be shent
Good mirkkow for winter, another for lent.

35 In traueling homeward, buy vp good crones,
And fat vp the bodies, of those sely bones,
Leaue milking & drie vp, olde mulley thy cowe,
The crobbed & aged, to fattinge put nowe.

36 Some plowith, some burneth, þ wheat stubble
Some after their barelye, laye wheat for to sowe,
which euer thou mindeſt, now time it is beſt,
Or spare it for cattle, & so let it reſt.

37 Some vsith þ fierbyere, a fallow to make,
The next to sowe barelye, the better to take,
Next that to sowe peaſe, & the next to sowe wheat,
Then fallowe againe, or to pasture for neate.

38 Two croppes & a fallow, enrichith the plough,
Though none be of peaſe, it is land good enough,
One crop & a fallow, some soile will abide,
where ye laye further, laye profet a side.

39 In Effex & Suffolke, such land I do knowe,
where excellencie is, as any can growe.

In

In fiue yere yet there of, a crop & awaye,
If more ye do take, ye were better to playe.

40 Still crop vpon crop, many fermers do take
And reape litle profet, for gredines sake,
Though wheat vpon barely, a cropper is founde,
No cropper is pease, but a comfort to grownde.

41 Er winter preuentith, while wheather is good,
For guttinge of pasture, get home with thy wood.
And carry out grauel, to fill vp a hole:
Both timber & furzen, the turfe & the cole.

42 Howse, charkole & sedge, chip & turf of the lād, Well placinge of Fewel.
Dile, tallwood & billet, stack al that hath band
Block rotes, pole & bough, set vpright to the thetch
The nerer, more handsome, in winter to fetch.

43 In stacking of bauen, & pieling of loggs
Make vnder thy bauen, a houell for hoggs,
And warmely enclose it, all sauing the mouth,
And that to stande open, & full to the south.

44 Get home with thy brakes, er an sōmer be gon
For teddered cattle, to sit there vpon,
To couer thy houell, to brew & to bake
To lye in the botom, where mow ye do make.

45 Thresh sede & to fanning, September doth crie Sowinge of Rye.
get plough to the field, & be sowing of rye
Go harrowe the redgis, er euer ye strike,
This point of good husbādrie, Suffolk doth like

46 Howe

46 Sowe winter corne timely, to follow hys lust,
sowe wheate as ye may, & the rye in the dust.
Be carefull of seede, or els such as ye sowe,
be suer at haruest, to reape or to mowe.

47 Though beanes be in sowing, but skatered in,
yet wheate, rye & peason, I loue not to thyn.
Sowe barley & dredge, with a plentifull hand:
least wede stead of seede, ouergroweth thy land.

48 Seede husbādly sown, water forow thy grouñd
that raine when it cōmeth, may run away round.
Then stir about Nicholl, with arow & bowe,
a pewy for killing, of euery Crowe.

49 At Bartilmewtide, or at Sturberedge faire,
buy that as is needefull, thy howse to repaire.
Then sell to thy profit, both butter & cheese,
who buyeth it sooner, the more he shall leese.

Hops gathering.

50 If Hops do loke brownish, then are ye to slowe
if longer ye suffer, those hops for to growe.
Nowe, sooner ye gather, more profit is found,
if weather be faire, & draw of a ground.

51 Not breake of, but cut of, frō hop the hop string,
leaue growing a litle, againe for to spring.
whose hill about pared, & therewith new clad,
shall nutrish more setts, against Marche to be had.

52 Hop hillock discharged, of euery let,
se then without breaking, eache pole ye out get.

whiche

whiche being vntangled, aboue in the tops:
go carry to such, as are plucking of hops.

53 Take sout which or hayer (that couers the kell)
set like to a manger, & fastoned well.
with pole vpon crotches, as high as thy brest:
for sauing & riddance, is husbandry best. Hopp mā ger.

54 Hops had, the hop poles, ỹ are likely preserue,
from rotting & breaking, againe for to serue.
And plant ye with alders, or willows some plot,
where yearely as nedeth, mo poles may be got.

55 Some skilfully dryeth, their hops on a kell, Hops dri- ynge.
and some on a soller, oft turning them well.
Kell dride will abide, foule wheather or faire,
where drying & lying, in loft do dispaire.

56 Some close them vp drie, in a hoggshed or fatt, Keeping of Hops.
yet canuas or sowtage, is better then that.
By drying & lying, they quickly be spilt,
thus much haue I shewed, do now as thou wilt.

57 Saint Michel doth bid thee, amēd ỹ marsh wall
the breck & the crab hole, the forelande & all.
one noble in season, bestowed thereon,
may saue thee a hundred, er winter be gon.

58 Now geld with the gelder, the ram & the bull,
sew ponds, amend dames, & sell webster thy wull.
Dut fruit go & gather, but not in the deaw,
with crab & the wall nutt, for feare of a shrew.

59 The

Fruite gathering.

59 The Moone in the wane, gather fruit for to last
but winter fruite gather, when Michel is past.
Though michers that loue not, to buy nor to craue
make some gather sooner, else few for to haue.

60 Fruit gatherd to timely, wil taste of the wood,
will shrink & be bitter, & seldome proue good.
So fruit that is shaked, or beate of a tree:
with bruising in falling, soone sauty will bee.

for your mos.

61 Now burn vp the Bees, & yee mind for to driue,
at mydsomer dryue them, & saue them aliue.
Place hyue in good ayer, set southly & warme:
& take in due season, waxe, honey & swarme.

62 Set hiue on a plank, not to low by the ground,
where herbe w the flowers, may compas it round,
And boordes to defend it, from north & north east:
from showers & rubbish, from vermin & beast.

63 At Michelmas safely, go stye vp thy boze,
Least straying abrode, ye do se hym no moze.
The sooner, the better, for Hallontide nye:
and better he brawneth, if harde he do lye.

64 Shift stye (for ill ayer) as best ye do think,
& twise a day geue him fresh vitell & drink.
& diligent Cysse, my dayry good wench:
make clenly his tabben, for measling & stench.

Gatherig of winter hempe.

65 Now pluck vp the hemp, & go beat out the sede,
& afterward water it, as ye see nede.

But

But not in the riuer, where cattle should drink,
for poisoning them, & the people with stink.

66 Hemp husbikely vsed, lokes clerely & bright,
and selleth it selfe, by the colour so whight.
Some vseth to water it, some do it not,
be skilfull in doing, for feare it do rot.

67 Wife into thy garden, & set me a plot, Setting of Strawberries & Roses &c.
with strawbery rootes, of the best to be got.
Such growing abrode, among thornes in ꝓ wood
wel chosen & pyked, proue excellent good.

68 The Barbery, Respis & gorsebery too,
loke now to be planted, as other things doo.
The goosebery, Respis, & Roses all three:
with strawberies vnder them, trimly agree,

69 To gather some mast, it shall stand thee vpon, Gatheryng of Mast.
with seruant & children, er mast be all gon.
Some left among bushes, shal pleasure thy swine:
for feare of a mischief, keepe akornes fro kyne.

70 For rooting of pasture ring hog ye had neede,
which being well ringled, the better do feede.
Though young w̄ their elders, will lightly kepe best
yet spare not to ringle, both great & the rest.

71 Poke neuer thy swine, whyle the shacktime doth
for diuers misfortunes, that happen to fast. (last,
Or if ye do fansye, whole eare of the hog:
geue eye to ill neighbour, & care to his dog.

71 Kepehog I aduise thee, from medow & corne,
for out alloude crying, that ere he was borne.
Such lawles so haunting, both often & long:
if dog set him chanting, he doth thee no wrong.

73 Wher loue amõg neighbors, do beare any stroke
whiles shacktime endureth, men vse not to yoke.
Yet surelie ringling, is nedefull & good:
till frost do enuite them, to brakes in the wood.

74 Kepe safely & warely, thine vttermost fence,
with ope gap & breake hedge, do seldome dispence.
Such runabout proulers, by night & by day:
see punished iustly, for prouling away.

75 At noone if it bloweth, at night if it shine,
out trudgeth hew makeshift, with hooke & w̃ line.
Whiles Gillet his blouse, is a milking thy kow:
sir Hew, is a rigging, thy gate or the plow.

76 Such walk with a black, or a red little cur,
that open will quickly, if any thing stur.
then skwattith the master, or trudgeth away:
and after dog runneth, as fast as he may.

77 Some prouleth for fewell, & some away rig,
fat goose & the capon, Duck, hen & the pig.
Some prouleth for acornes, to fat vp their swine:
for corne & for apples, & all that is thine.

78 Now sawe out thy timber, for boorde & for pale
to haue it vnshaken, & ready to sale.

Bestowe

Bestow it & stick it, & lay it aright:
to linde it in Marche, to be ready in plight.

79 Saue slab of thy timber, for stable & sty,
for horse & for hog, the more cleanly to lye.
Saue lawe dust, & brick dust, & ashes so fine:
for alley to walke in, with neighbour of thine.

Octobers abstract.

Chap. 13.

October good blast,
To blow the hog mast.
Forgotten month past,
Do now at the last.

1 Lay dike vp & round,
for barley thy ground.

2 To late doth kill,
to soone is as ill.

3 Maides little & great,
pick cleane seede wheat.
Good ground doth craue,
choyce seede to haue.
Flayles lustily thwack,
least plough, seede lack.

4 Plie sowing a pace,
in euery place.

5 Soyle perfectlie knowe,
or eddish ye sowe.
Seede first go fetch,
for eddish or etch.
Whight wheat if ye please
now sowe vpon pease.
Sowe first the best,
and then the rest.
Keepe Crowes good sonne
see furrowing donne.

6 Sowe Acornes to proue,
that timber do loue.

7 Sowe Haestings now,
if ground it allow.
Make handsome a bin,
for chaffe to lye in.

8 Learne soone to get,
a good quick set.
Seede thyselfe thou shalt,
thresh barley for malt.

9 For feare of the wurst,
make fatt away furst.
Cut bushes to hedge,
fence meadow & redge.

10 Fat that no more,
ye keepe for store.
Stamp crabs that may,
for rotting away.

11 Hyde karen, in graue,
lesse noyance to haue.
Make bergis & perye,
sowe kirnell & berye.

12 Hog measeled kyll,
for flemming that wyll.
Now gather vp fruite,
of euery suite.

Sys haue an eye,
to Boze in the Sye.
Warth wall too slight,
strength now or god night.

13 Keepe sise vpon bow,
for flix of thy kow.
Where sople is of sand,
quick set out of hand.

14 With pease bolt & brake,
some brew & bake.
To plots not full,
add bremble & hull.

¶ Frynd tingle thy bog,
for feare of a dog.
For set no bar,
while month hath an R.

Rye straw vp stack,
least thatcher lack.
Like note thou shalt,
for making of malt.

Wheat straw drye saue,
for cattle to haue.
Wze wo now to tast,
till winter be past.

Wheat chaffe lay vp dry,
in safetie to lye.

Chap. 14.

NOw lay vp thy barley land, dyze as ye can,
when euer ye sowe it, so looke foz it than.
Get alway afozehand, be neuer behinde:
least winter preuenting, do alter thy minde.

2 Who layeth vp fallow, to soone oz to wet,
with noyances many, doth barley beset.
Foz weede & the water, so soeketh & sucks:
that goodnes from eyther, it vtterly plucks.

3 Greene rye in Septēber, when timely thou hast, Sowing of
October foz wheat sowing, calleth as fast. wheat.
If weather will suffer, this councell I geeue:
leaue sowing of wheat, before Hallomas eue.

4 Where wheat vpon edish, ye minde to bestowe,
let that be the first, of the wheat ye do sowe.
He semeth to hart it, & comfort to bring:
that geeueth it comfort, of Michelmas spring.

5 whight wheat vpō peasē etch, is willig to growe
though best vpon fallow, as many do knowe.
But where, how oz when, ye entend to begin:
let euer the finest, be first sowen in.

6 Sowe Acornes ye owners, that timber do loue, Sowing of
sowe haw & rye with them, the better to prouc. Akornes
If cattle oz Cunney, may enter to crop:
yong oke is in daunger, foz loesing his top.

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Sowing of Haellings or fullams.

7 Who peſcods delighteth, to haue with the furſt,
if now ye do ſowe them, I think it not wurſt.
the greener thy peaſon, & warmer the roome:
more luſty the layer, more plenty they come.

8 Go plow vp or delue vp, aduiſed with ſkil,
the bredth of a redge, & in length as ye wil.
where ſpedy quick ſet, for a fence ye will drawe:
to ſowe in the ſeede, of the bremble and hawe.

9 Through plenty of acornes, the porkling too fat,
not taken in ſeaſon, may periſh by that.
if ratling or ſwelling, get once to the throte,
thow loeſiſt thy porkling, a crowne to a grote.

10 What euer thing fat is, againe if it fall,
thou ventreſt the thing, & the fatnes with all.
the fatter the better, to ſell or to kill.
but not to continue, make profe if ye will.

11 What euer thing dyeth, go burye or burne,
for tainting of ground, or a worſer ill turne.
ſuch peſtilent ſmell, of a karrenly thing:
to cattle & people, great perill may bring.

12 Thy meaſeled baken hog, ſow, or thy boze,
ſhet vp for to heale, for infecting thy ſtoze.
Or kill it for baken, or ſowce it to ſell:
for Flemming that loues it, ſo deintely well.

A medcen for the kow ſtir.

13 Seith water, & plump therein plenty of ſloes,
mix chawlk that is dryed, in powder with thoes.

which

which so, if ye geue, with the water & chalke:
thou makest the lay, fro thy kow away walke.

14 With strawisp, & pease bolt, w̄ ferne & þ̄ brake,
for sparing of fewell, some brew & do bake.
and heateth their copper, for seething of graines,
good seruant rewarded, refuseth no paines.

Nouembers abstract.

Chap. 15.

Nouember take flayle,
Let ship no more sayle.

Forgotten month past,
do now at the last.

1 Let hog once fat,
lose nothing of that.

When mast is gon,
hog falleth anon.

Still fat vp some,
till shrouetide come.

Now pork & lowse,
bares rack in house.

2 Lay flitches a salting,
put barley to malting.

Through folly too beastly,
much baken is reasty.

3 In casting prouide,
for seede lay a side.

4 Thresh barley thou shalt,
for chapman to malt.

Else thresh no more,
but for thy store.

5 No chaffe in binne,
makes horse loke thinne.

6 Bake Martilmas biefe,
dere meate is a thiefe.

7 Set garlike & pease,
Saint Edmond to please.

8 When

8 When raine takes place,
to threshing a pace.

9 Mad braine to rough,
marres all at plough.

With flaile & whips,
fat hen thort skips.

10 Some threshing by task,
will steale & not ask.

Suche thresher at night,
walkes seldom home light.

Some corne away lag,
in bottle & bag.

11 Some steale for a seft,
eggs out of the nest.

Lay sooner vp dreye,
in order to lye.

Poore kow doth crane,
fresh strawe to haue.

12 Make weekely vp flower,
though thresher do lower.

Lay grayne in loft,
and turne it soft.

13 For muck regard,
make clene foule yard.

Lay straw to rot,
in watry plot.

14 Vedlond vp plow,
for compas crow.

15 For hot bes good froze,
trenche garden moze.

16 At midnight trye,
foule prime to frye.

17 Rid chimney of soot,
from top to the foot.

18 In stable put now,
thy horses for plow.

19 Good horsekeper will,
lay muck vpon hill.

Get pole boye mine,
beate hawes to the swine.

Drive hogs to the wood,
brake rootes be good.

For mischiefe that falles,
loke well to marsh wailes.

Drye layer get neat,
and serue them with meat.

Kurst cattle that norteth,
ore wormel soone hurteth.

Good neighbour mine,
ring well thy swine.

Such winter may serue,
hog ringd, will sterue.

In frost kepe dog,
from hunting of hog.

Chap. 16.

1 AT hallontide, slaughter time entereth in
& then doth the husbād mans, feasting begin.
from thence vnto shroftyde, kill no vv & than some:
their offall for houshold, the better will come.

2 Thy dredg & thy bareley, go thresh out to malt,
let malster be cunning, else lose it thou shalt.
thentreasle of a seame, is a bushel for store,
bad else is the bareley, or huswife much more.

3 Some vsith to winnew, some vsith to fan,
some vsith to cast it as cleane as they can,
for sede go & cast it, for malting not so:
but get out the cockle, & then let it go.

4 Thresh bareley as yet, but as nede shall require,
fresh threshed for stouer, thy cattle desire.
& therfore that threshing, forbare as ye maye:
till candlemas coming, for sparing of haye.

5 Saue chaff of the barely, of wheat & of rye
from feathers & foistenes, where it doth lye.
which mixed with ozne, being sifted of dust:
go geeue to thy cattle, when serue them ye must.

6 (For Easter) at Martilmas, hang vp a beife
for stal fed & pease fed, play pickpurse the theife.
with that & the like, er an grasse beife come in,
thy folk shall loke cherely, when others loke thin.

7 Set garlik & beanes, at S. Edmond the kyng
the moone in the wayne, theron hangeth a thing.
Thencrease of a pottle (wel proued of some)
shall pleasure thy houshold, er pesrod tune come.

8 When rayne is a let, to thy doings abroode,
set thresshers a threshyng, thy lay on good lode.
Thresh clene, ye must byd them, though lesser they
& loking to thriue, haue an eye to thy barne. (yarne

9 Take heede to thy mantlyps kutte & yeate,
to ploughstaffe & whipstock, for maiming thy neat.
To thresshar for hurting, of kow with hys flayle:
or maiming thy hen, to play maple porte thy tenne.

10 Some pilfering thresther, will walke with a basket,
will cary home corne, as it is in the chaffe.
And some in his bottle of leather so great:
will tarie home dayly, both barley & wheat.

11 If house roome will serue thee, lay stouer vp drie
and euen for, by it selfe for to lie.
Or stack it for litter, if roome be to poore:
and thatch out the residue, noying thy doore.

12 Cause weekely thy thresther, to make vp his flo-
though slouthful & pilfever, therat do lower. (wer
Take tubb for a season, take sack for a shift:
yet garnar for grayne, is the better for thrift.

13 All maner of straw, that is scattred in yard,
good husbandy husbands, haue dayly regard

In

In pyt full of water, the same to bestowe:
where lying to rot, thereof profit may growe.

14 Now plough vp thy hedlõd, or delue it w̃ spade,
where otherwise pro it, but little is made.
And cast it vp high, vpon hillocks to stand:
that winter may rot it, to compas thy land.

15 If Garden require it, now trench it ye may,
one trench not a yard, from another go lay,
which being well filled, with muck by & by:
go couer with mould, for a season to ly.

16 Foule priuies are now, to be clensed & fyde,
let night be appointed, such bagage to hide.
which buryd in garden, in trenches a lowe:
shall make very many things, better to growe.

17 The chiney al sooty, wold now be made cleene,
for feare of mischances, to oftentimes seene.
Olde chimney & sootye, if fier once take:
by burning & breaking, some mischiefe may make.

18 When plowing is ended, & pasture not great,
then stable thy horses, & tend them with meat.
Let season be drye, when ye take them to howse:
for danger of nitts, or for feare of a louse.

19 Lay compas vp handsomly, round on a hill,
to walke in thy yard, at thy pleasure & will.
more compas it maketh, & handsome the plot:
if housekeper dayly, forgetteth it not.

Chap. 17.

O dirtie December
For Chriſtmas remember.

Forgotten month paſt,
do nowe at the laſt.

1 No ſeaſon to hedge,
get betle and wedge.

Cleane logs nowe all
For kitchen & hall.

2 Make ſharp dull tooles
or labor like fooles.

3 Leaue of tittle tattle
& loke to thy cattle.

Serue ponge, poore, elues
alone by them ſelues.

4 Warme barth to neate
worth halfe their meate.

The elder that nurtith
the yonger ſoone hurtith.

5 Howle, kowe that is olde
while winter doth holde.

6 Out once in a daye
to drink & to playe.

7 Get truſty to ſerue
leaſt cattle do ſterue.

And ſuch as in deede
may help at a neede.

8 Obſerue thys lawe
to ſerue out ſtrawe.

9 In walking about
good forth ſpie out.

10 At full & at change
ſpringe tydes are ſtrange.

If doont ye fraye
Driue cattle awaye.

11 Dank linge forgot
will quickly rot.

12 Here learne & trie
to turne it and dryе:

13 Now ſtocks remoue
that orchards loue.

14 Set ſtock to growe
to thick nor to lowe.

Set nowe as they come
both chearrey & plome.

15 Winde North north eaſt
bidds ſtock to ill feaſt.

16 At Chriſtmas is good
to let thy horſe blood.

17 Marke here what rable
of euils in ſtable.

18 Myre well (old gaffe)
horſe corne with chaffe.

Let Jacke nor Gill
Catch corne at will.

Who setteth her graines
hath profit for paines.

19 Hide strawberies wife
to saue their life.

Set willow & sallow
rid garden of mallowe.

20 Knot, border & all
Now couer ye shall.

Let boye lyke render
se brawne sod tender.

21 Help bees swete conney
with lickour and honney.

For wife fruite buye
for Christmas Pye.

Ill breade & ill drinke
makes many ill chinke.

Let Christmas spye
parde clene to lye.

Both meate & coll
ill dressed is loll.

No labor nor sweat
go labor for beat.

Who hath where with all
may chere when he shall

Fede doues, but kill not
if store them ye will not.

But charged man
must chere as he can.

Fat hog, er ye kill it
or els ye do spill it.

Decembers husbandry.

Chap. 13.

1 When frost will not suffer, to dike & to hedge
then get the a heate, with thy beetle & wedge
once hallomas come, & a fyer in hall,
such styuers do well, for to lye by the wall.

2 Get grinstone & whetstone, to sharpen thy toole,
or else go & loyter, or let like a foole.
A wheelebarow also, be sure to haue:
at hand of thy seruant, thy compas to saue.

ruing of ttell. 3 Geeue cattle their fodder, in plot drie & warme,
and counte them for myring, or other like harme.
yong colts with thy wemels, together go serue:
least lurched by others, they happen to sterue.

4 The rack is commended, for sauing of deng,
so set as the olde, cannot mischief the yong.
In tempest (the winde being northely or east)
warme barth vnder hedge, is a sucker to beast.

owsinge f cattell. 5 The housing of cattle, while winter doth holde,
is good for all such, as are feble & olde.
It saueth much compas, & many a sleepe:
and trimlye refresheth the walke of thy sheepe.

9 For charges so little, much quiet is wonne,
if strongly & handsomely, all thing be donne.
but vse to entackle them, once in a day:
to rub & to lick them, to drinke & to play.

7 Get trustie to tend them, not lubberly squire,
that all the day long, hath his nose at the fier.
Nor trust vnto children, poore cattle to feede:
but such as be able, to weld a commende.

8 serue rye straw first, the wheat straw & pease
then ote straw & barley, the hay if ye please,

But stewes leam with hay, while ꝑ straw ſtie euerlaſt:
then loue they no ſtraw, they had rather to faſt.

9 Pokes, forkes & ſuch other, let bayly ſpie out,
and gather the ſame, as he walketh about.
and after at leiſure let this be his hier,
to heach them & trim them, at home by the fier.

10 As well at ꝑ full of the moone, as the chaunge,
ſea rages in winter, be ſuddenly ſtraunge.
then looke to thy marſhes, & dout be to fayr
for feare of no forme, leſt cattle away.

11 Both ſalt fiſh & lingliſh, thou ye haue,
through ſhifting & dying, from rotting go ſaue.
Leaſt winter with mildnes, do make it reſemble:
& put it in hazard, or rout be ſpent.

12 Broome fagot is beſt, to dreſſe haberdon,
lay boorde vpon ladder, if fagots be gon,
For breaking in turning, hath euery good wyfe,
& blame not the winde ſo the wurther be tyde.

13 Good fruit & good plentie, doth well in thy loft
then make the an orchard, & cheriſh it oft.
For plonts or for ſtarks, lay no hand to faſt:
but ſet or remoue it, or Chriſtmas be paſt.

14 Set one ſro another, full foote foote wide,
to ſtand as he ſtode, is a parte of hys pride.
more faier, more worthy, of coſt to remoue,
more ſteady ye ſet it, more likely to proue.

15 To

15 To teach & vnteache, is vnmete in a skoole,
to do & vndo, is the part of a foole.
then orchard or hoppyard, so trimmed with cost,
should not thorough follie, be spoiled & lost.

Letting horse blood.

16 Er Christmas be passed, let horse be let blood,
for many a purpos, it doth them much good
the daye of S. Stephan, olde fathers did vse:
if that do misslike the, some other daye chuse.

17 Loke well to thy horses, in stable thou must,
that haye be not foulie, nor chaffe full of dust,
nor stone in their prouender, fether nor clotts:
nor fed with greene peason, for breeding of bots.

18 Some horskeper, lasshith out prouender so,
some gillian spendall, so often doth go,
for hogs meate & hennes meate, for that & for this:
that corne is consumed, er chapman hath his.

19 If frost do continue, take thys for a lawe,
the strawberies looke, to be couerd with straw,
layde ouerly trim, vppon crotchis & bowes,
& after vncouerd, as weather alowes.

20 The gilleflower also, the skilful do knowe,
do looke to be couerd, in frost & in snowe:
the knot & the border, & rosemarye gaye,
do craue the like succour, for dyeing awaye.

21 Go loke to thy bees, if the hiue be to light
seith water & honey, with rosemarie dight,

which

which set in a dish, full of sticks in the hyue:
from famen & daunger, ye saue them alyue.

A digression to hospitalitie.

Chap. 19.

LEaue husbandry sleeping,
a while ye must do:
to learne of housekeeping,
a lesson or two.
What euer is sent thee
by trauell & payne:
a tyme there is lent thee
to rendrit agayne.
Although ye defend it:
vnspent for to bee:
another shall spend it
no thank vnto thee.
How euer we clime
to accomplish the minde:
we haue but a time
thereof profit to finde.

A discription of time and the yeare.

Chap. 20.

OF God to thy doings, a time there is sent,
which endeth with time, that in doing is spent.
For time is it selfe, but a time for a time:
forgotten full soone, as the tune of a chime.

pring. In ſpring time we reare, we do ſowe & we plant,
ommer in Sommer get vittels, leaſt after we want.
arueſt In harueſt, we cary in corne & the fruite:
Vinter in Winter, to ſpend, as we neede of ethe ſuite.

hildhode. The yeare I compare, as I finde for a trueth,
outh. the ſpring, vnto childhode, the Summer to youth.
anhode The harueſt to manhode, the winter to age:
ge. all quickly forgot, as a Play on a ſtage.

Time paſt is forgotten, ere men be aware,
time preſent is thought on, with wonderfull care.
Time comming is feared, & therefore we ſaue:
yet oft ere it come, we be gone to the graue.

A deſcription of life & riches.
Chap. 21.

VVho liuing, but dayly diſcerne it he may,
how like as a ſhadow, doth vaniſh away.
And nothing to count on, ſo ſuer & iuſt:
as ſuer of death, and to turne into duſt.

The landes & the riches, that here we poſſeſſe,
be none of our owne, if a God we profeſſe.
But lent vs of him, as his talent of Golde:
which being demanded, who can it withholde.

God maketh no writing, that iuſtly doth ſay,
how long we ſhall haue it, a yere or a day.
But leaue it we muſt (howſoeuer we leeue:)
when Atropos ſhal pluk vs, from hence by the ſleeue.

To

To death we muſt ſtoupe, be we high, be we lowe,
but how & how ſodeinly, fewe be that knowe.
what cary we then, but a ſheete to the graue:
to couer this carkas, of all that we haue.

A deſcription of houſekeping.
Chap. 22.

VVhat then of this talēt, while here we remaine
but ſtudy to yelde it, to God with a gaine.
And that ſhall we do, if we do it not hyd:
but vſe and beſtowe it, as Chriſt doth vs byd.

What good to get ryches, by breaking of ſleepe,
but (hauing the ſame) a good houſe for to keepe.
Not only to bring a good fame to thy dooze:
but alſo the prater to winne of the pooze.

Of al other doings, houſe keping is chiefe,
for dayly it helpeth the pooze with releife.
The neighboz, the ſtranger, & al that haue nede,
which cauſeth thy doings, the better to ſpede.

Though hearken to this, we ſhould euer among,
yet chiefly at Chriſtmas, of al the yere long.
Good cauſe of that vſe, may appere by the name,
though nigerdly nigards, do kick at the ſame.

A deſcription of Chriſtmas.
Chap. 23.

OF Chriſt cōmeth Chriſtmas, the name why ſeaſt
a time full of ioy, to the greateſt & leaſt.

At Christmas was Christ (our sauiour) borne,
the world thorough sinne, altogether forlorne.

At Christmas the day, doth begin to take length,
of Christ our faith, doth begin to take strength.
As Christmas is onely, a figure or trope:
so onely in Christ, is the strength of our hope.

At Christmas we banket, the riche with the poore,
who then (but the miser) but openith his doore.
At Christmas of Christ, many Carols we sing:
and geue many gifts, in the ioy of that king.

At Christmas in Christ, we reioyce and be glad,
as onely of whom, our comfort is had.
At Christmas we ioy, altogether with mirth:
for his sake that ioyed vs all with his birth.

A discription of apt time to spend. chap. 24.

LEt such (so fantastical) liking not this,
nor any thing honest, that auncient is.
Geue place to the time, that so meete we do see:
appointed of God, as it seemeth to bee.

At Christmas, good husbãds haue corn on ỹ ground
in barne & in soller, worth many a pound.
Things plenty in house, (beside cattel & sheepe)
al sent them (no doubt on) good houses to keepe.

At Christmas, the hardnesse of winter doth rage,
a griefer of al things, & specially age.

Then

Then lightly pooze people, the yong with the olde,
be ſozeſt oppzeſſed, with hunger & colde.

At Chriſtmas, by labour is little to get,
that wanting the poozeiſt in daunger are ſet.
what ſeaſon then better, of al the whole yere:
thy nedy pooze neighbour, to comfozt & chere.

Againſt fantaſticall ſcrupleneſſe. chap.25.

At this thing & ỳ thing, ſom make a great matter
ſom help not, but hinder ỳ pooze w̄ their clatter
Take cuſtome frō feaſting, what commeth thē laſt
where one hath a dinner, a hundzed ſhal faſt.

To dog in the maunger, ſome licken J coulde,
that hay will eate none, noz let other that woulde.
ſome ſcarce in a yeare, geue a diner oz two.
noz well can abide, any other to do.

Play thou the good felow, ſeke none to miſdeme,
diſdayne not the honeſt, though mery they ſeme.
Foz often time ſene, no moze bery a knaue:
than he that doth counterfait, moſt to be graue.

Chriſtmas husbandly fare. chap.26.

GOod husband & huſwife, now chiefly be glad,
things hādſom to haue, as they ought to be had
They both do pzouide, againſt Chriſtmas do com:
to welcom their neighboz, good chere to haue ſom.

Good bread & good drinke, a good fier in the hall,
brawne, pudding & souse & good mustarde withal.
Bieke, mutton, & porke, shred pies of the best,
pig, veale, goose & capon, & Turkey wel drest:
Chese, apples & nuttes, iolly Caroles to here,
as then, in the countrey, is counted good chere.

What cost to good husbande, is any of this?
good housholde prouision, onely it is.
Of other the like, I do leaue out a meny:
that costeth the husbandman, neuer a peny.

A Christmas Karol of the birth of Christ.
vpon the tune of king Salamon.
Chap. 27.

WAs not Christ oure Sauiour,
sent vnto vs, from God aboue,
not for our good behauiour:
but onely of his mercy & loue.
if this be true, as true it is,
truely in deede:
Great thankes to God to yeld for this,
then had we neede.

2 This did our God for a very trothe,
to trayne to him, the soule of man,
and iustly to performe his othe:
to Sara & to Abraham than,
that through his sede, all nations should,
moste blessed bee:
As in due time, performd hee would,
all flesh should see.

3 Which wondrously is brought to passe,
and in our sight al ready donne,
By sending, as his promis was
(to comfort vs) his onely sonne,
euen Christ (I meane) that virgins childe
in Bethelem borne:
that lamb of God, that prophet milde,
with crowned thorne.

4 Such was his loue to saue vs all,
from danger of the curse of God,
that we stoode in by Adams fall,
& by our owne deserued rod
that through his blood & holy name,
to such as beleues:
And flye from sinne, & abors the same,
free mercy he geues.

5 For thease glad news, this feast doth brig
to God, the Sonne and holy Ghost
let man geue thankes reioyce & sing
from world to world, from coste to coste.
For al other giftes so many wayes,
that God doth send:
Let vs in Christ, geue God the praise.
while life shal end.

T. Tusser.

At Christmas be merye, & thankfull withall,
& feast thy poore neighbors, þ great with the small.
yea al the yeare long, to the poore let vs geue:
Gods blessing to follow vs, whiles we do leue.

Chap. 28.

A kindely good Ianiuere,
Freeſith pot by the feere.

Forgotten month paſt,
Do now at the laſt,

1 Bid Chriſtmas adew,
thy ſtock renew.

2 Who killeth a neate,
hath cheaper his meate.

Fat, home fed ſowte,
is good in a howſe.

3 Who dainties loue,
a begger ſhall proue.

Who all away ſells,
in hunger dwells.

4 Who nothing ſaue,
ſhall nothing haue.

5 Laydurt vpon heapes,
ſome profit it reapes.

When weather is hard,
get muck out a yard.

A fallow beſtowe,
where peaſe ſhall growe.

6 Go gather quickſet,
the yongeſt go get.

Dig garden ſtrop mallow,
ſet willow and fallow.

Grene ſet as a ſtake,
in banke they will take.

7 Let Doe go to buck,
with conney good luck.

Spare labor nor money,
ſtore borough with cüney.

Get warriner bound,
to vermine thy ground.

Fede Doues, but kill not,
if loſe them ye will not.

Doue houſe repaire,
make doue hole faire.

For hop ground colde,
doue dong worth golde.

8 Good gardener mine,
make garden fine.

Set garden peaſe,
and beanes if ye pleaſe.

Set Reſpis e roſe,
yong rootes of thoſe.

9 The timely buyer
hath cheaper his fyer.

10 Some burns without wit
ſome fierles ſit.

11 Now ſeaſon is good,
to lop or fell wood.

Prune tree, ſome alowes,
for cattle to browes.

12 Geue ſhepe to their fees,
the myſtle of trees.

13 Let lop be ſhorne,
that hinդreth corne.

Haue edder & ſtake
ſtronge hedge to make.

14 For ſap as ye knowe,
let one bough growe.

Mert vere ye maye
that bough cut awaye

15 A leſſon good,
to encreaſe more wood.

16 How euer ye ſkotch,
ſaue pole and crotch.

17 From Chriſtmas to May,
weake cattle decaye.

18 With bergis aquainte,
poore bullock ſo fainte.

Thys medicine approued,
is for to be loued.

19 Let plaiſter lye,
three dayes to trye.

To longe yf ye ſtaye,
taile rots awaye.

20 Calwes ready to yeane,
craues growno rid cleane.

21 Keepe buſhes from bill,
till hedge ye will.

22 No buſhes of mine,
if fence bee thine.

23 In ſtubbed plot,
fill hole with clot.

Take for thy turne,
their roots go burne.

24 Rid graſſe of bones,
of ſtickes & ſtones.

25 Warme barth, geue lämes
good fode to their dämes.

Loke daily well to them,
leaſt doggs vndo them.

26 Yong lamb well ſolde,
fat lamb, worth golde.

27 Kepe twinnes for breede,
as ewes haue feede.

28 One calfe if it pleaſe ye,
now reared ſhall eaſe ye.

Calues likely rere,
at rieling of yere.

Calfe large & leane,
is beſt to weane.

29 Calfe lickt take awaye,
& howſe it ye maye.

Thys point I alow,
for ſeruant and kow.

30 Calues yonger then other,
learne one of another.

31 No danger at all,
to geld as they fall.

Yet Mithell cries,
pleaſe butchers eyes.

32 Sow ready to fare,
craues huſwifes care.

33 Leaue ſow but fiue,
the better to thriue.

34 Weane ſuch for ſtore,
as ſucks before.

Weane onely but three,
for breeders to bee.

35 Lamb, bulchin, and pig,
geld vnder the brig.

36 Learne wit ſir dolt,
in gelding of colt.

37 Geld yong thy filly,
elſe perish will ginny.

Let gelding alone,
of large of bone.

By brethely titts,
feaw profit hitts.

38 Breede euer the beſt.
and do of the reſt.

Of long and large,
take huſwife a charge.

39 Good milchkowe & ſound,
yeldes yercly a pound.

Good faring ſow,
holdes profit with kow.

40 Who kepes, both twaine,
the more may gayne.

41 Thy garden twyfallow,
ſtroy hemblock & mallow.

42 Like practi'e they proue,
that hops do loue.

43 Now make & wandin,
trym dowet to ſtand in.

Leaue waddling about,
till arbor be out.

44 Who now ſowes otes,
gets golde & grotes.

Who ſowes in Maye,
gets little that waye.

45 Goe breake vp land,
gett mattock in hand.

Stub roote ſo tough,
for breaking of plough.

46 What greater crime,
then loſſe of tyme.

47 Small profit is found,
by peeling of ground.

48 Land paſt the beſt,
caſt vp to reſt.

Get

Get pulling hooke (ſirs,)
for bzome and firs.

Pluck bzome, bzome ſtill,
Cut bzome, bzome kill.

Bzome pluckt by and bye,
breake vp for rye.

Frende ringle thy hog,
or loke for a dog.

In calling prouide,
for ſeede lay a ſide.

Get dong frende mine,
for ſtock and vine.

If earth be not ſoft,
Go digg it a loft.

For quamier get bootes,
ſtub alders and rootes.

Hop poles war ſkant,
for poles mo plant.

Set cheſtnut and walnut,
ſet filberd and ſmal nut.

peach, plumtree, and chery,
pong baye and his bearye.

Or ſet there ſtone,
vnſet leaue out none.

Sowe kirnels to beare,
of apple and peare.

All trees that beare gome,
ſet now as they come.

And ſet or remoue,
what fruite ye loue.

C. Of trees and fruites.

1 Apple trees, of all ſorts.
2 Apricockes.
3 Barberies.
4 Boolleſſe black, and white
5 Cherries, red and black
6 Cheſtnuts
7 Cornet plums
8 Damiſens whit, & black
9 Filberds, red and white
10 Gooſe beries
11 Grapes, whit and red
12 Grene or gras plums
13 Hurtilberies
14 Medlers or marles
15 Mulbery
16 Peaches, whit and red,
17 Peares of all ſortes
18 Peareplõs, black & yelow
19 Quince trees
20 Reſpis
21 Reiſons
22 Small nutts
23 Strawberies, red & white
24 Seruice trees
25 Wall nuts
26 Wardens, white & red
27 Wheat plums.

Now ſet ye may,
the hor and baye.
haythorne & prim,
for clothes trim.

Chap. 29.

WHen Christmas is endid, bid feasting adue,
go play the good husbād, thy stock to renewe.
be mindeful of rearing, in hope of a gaine:
Dame profit shall gene the reward for thy paine.

2 Who, both by his calfe, & his lāb wil be knowne,
may well kill a neate, & a shepe of hys owne.
& he that will reare vp, a pig in hys howse:
hath cheaper hys baken, & sweter hys sowse.

3 Who eateth hys beale, pig & lamb being froth,
shall twise in a weke, go to bed without broth.
Vnskilfull, that pas not, but sell awaye sell:
shall neuer haue plenty, where euer they dwell.

4 Be gredye in spending, & careles to saue,
& shortly be nedy, & ready to craue.
be wilfull to kill, & vnskilfull to store,
& neuer loke long, to kepe howse any more.

5 Laye dyrt vpon heapes, fayer yarde to bee seene,
yᵗ frost wil abide it, to fielde with it cleene.
in winter a fallowe, some loue to bestowe,
where pease for the pot, they entend for to sowe.

6 In making or mending, as nedith thy ditch,
get set to quick set it, learne cunningly which.
in hedging (where claye is) get stake as ye knowe,
of popelet & willowe, for fewell to growe.

7 Leaue

7 Leaue killing of Cunney, let doe go to buck,
and vermine thy burrow, for feare of ill luck.
Fede Doue (no more killig) old doue house repaire
saue doue doung, for hoppard, whē house ye make
(faire.

8 Dig gardē, stroy mallow, now may ye at ease,
and set (as a deintie) thy runcifall pease.
Go cut & set roses, chuse aptly the plot:
the rootes of the pongest, are best to bee got.

9 In tyme go & bargaine, least worser do fall,
for fewell, for making, for cariage & all.
to buy at the stub, is the best for the buyer:
more timely prouision, cheaper the fier.

10 Some burneth a lode, at a time in hys hall,
some neuer leaue burning, till burnt they haue all.
Some making of hauock, without any wit:
make many poore soules, without fier to sit.

11 If frost do continue, thys lesson doth well,
for comfort of cattle, the fewell to fell.
From euery tree, the superfluous bowes:
now prune for thy neate, thereupon to go browes.

12 In pruning & trimming, all maner of trees,
reserue to eache cattle, their properly fees.
If snowe do continue, shepe hardly that fare:
craue mistle & Iuye, for them for to spare.

13 Now lop for thy fewel, olde pollenger growen
that hinders the corne, or the grasse to be mowen.

In lopping & felling, saue edder and stake:
thine hedgis as nedith, to mend or to make.

14 In loppinge olde Jocham, for feare of mishap,
one bough staye unlopped, to cherish the sap.
the second yeare after, then boldly ye maye:
For dripping his fellows, that bough cut awaye.

15 Lop, poppler, and salow, elme, maple, & pyre,
well saued from cattle, till sommer to lye.
so far as in lopping, ther tops ye do flinge:
so far without plantinge, yong coppe will springe.

16 If hoppyard or orchard, ye minde for to haue,
for hoppoles and crotchis, in lopping go saue.
which husbandly spared, maye serue at a push:
and stop, by so hauinge, two gapps with a bush.

17 From Christmas till May, be well entered in,
some cattle ware fainte, and loke poorely & thin,
and chiefly, when prime grasse at first doth appere:
then most is the daunger, of all the whole yere.

A medecine for fainte cattel.

18 Take bergis & heat it, (a pinte for a kow)
bay salt full a hand, to rub tong ye wote how.
That donne, with the salt, let her drinke of the rest:
thys many tymes raysed the feble up best.

19 Poore bullock with browsing, & naughtely fed,
skarse feedith, her teeth be so lose in her hed.
then slyse ye the taile, where ye fele it so soft:
with scote & with garlick, bound to it a loft.

20 By brembles and bushes, in pasture to full,
poore sheepe be in danger, and loseth their wull.
Now therfore thine eawe, vpon lāming so neere:
desireth in pasture, that all may bee cleere.

21 Leaue grubbing or pulling, of bushes (my sōne)
till timely thy fenses, require to be Donne.
then take of the best, for to furnish thy turne,
and home with the rest, for the fier to burne.

22 In euery greene, if the fence be not thine,
now stub vp the bushes, the grasse to be fine.
Least neighbour do daylie, so hack them beliue:
that neither thy bushes, nor pasture can thriue.

23 In ridding of pasture, with turues so bye,
fill euery hole vp, as close as a dye.
The labor is little, the profit is gaye:
what euer the loitering labozers saye.

24 The sticks & the stones, go & gather vp cleene,
for hurting a sheep, or for harming of greene.
For feare of New prouler, get home with the rest,
when frost is at hardest, then carriage is best.

25 pōg brome or good pasture, thy ewes do require
warme barth & in safetie, their lambs do desire.
looke often well to them, for foxes and dogs:
for pitts & for brembles, for vermin and hogs.

26 More deintie ỳ lāb, the more worth to be solde,
the sooner the better, for eawe that is olde.

But

But if ye do minde, to haue milke of the dame:
till May do not seauer, the lamb fro the same.

27 Eawes yerely by twining, rich maisters do make
the lamb of such twynners, for breeders go take.
For twinlings be twiggers, encrease for to bring:
though som for their twigging, peccanté may sing.

28 Calues likely, ẏ come betwen Chrisimas & lent,
take huswife to rere, or else after repent.
Of such as do fall, betwene change & the prime:
no rering, but sell, or go kill them in tyme.

29 House calfe, & go sockle it twise in a daye,
and after a while, set it water & haye.
Stake ragged to rub on, no such as will bend:
then weane it well tended, at fiftie dayes end.

30 The senior weaned, hys yonger shall teache,
both how to drink water, & hay for to reache.
More strocken & made of when ought it do aile
more gentle ye make it, for yoke or the paile.

31 Geld bull, calfe, & ramlamb, as sone as they fall,
for therein is lightly, no daunger at all.
Some spareth the ton, for to pleasure the eye:
to haue him sheaw greater, whē butcher shal buye.

32 Sowes ready to farrow, this time of ẏ yere,
are for to be made of, & counted full dere.
For now is the losse of a fare of the sow:
more great thē the losse, of two calues of thy kow.

33 Of one sow together, rere fewe aboue fiue,
and those of the fairest, & likest to thriue.
Ungelt of the best, keepe a coople for store:
one bore pig & sow pig, that sucketh before,

34 Who hath a desire, to haue store very large,
at Whitsontide, let him geeue huswife a charge.
To rere of a sow at once, onely but three:
and one of them also, a bore let it bee.

35 Geld vnder the damme, win fortnight at least,
and saue both thy money, & life of the beast.
Geld later with gelders, as many one do:
and looke of a dozen, to geld away two.

36 Thy coltes for the saddle, geld yong to be light,
for cart do not so, if thou iudgest aright.
Nor geld not, but when they be lustie & fat:
for there is a point, to be learned in that.

37 Geld fillies (but tits) er an. iv. daies of age,
they die else of gelding, or gelders do rage.
yong fillies so likelie, of bulk & of bone:
kepe such to be breeders, let gelding alone.

38 For gayning a trifle, sell neuer thy store,
what ioy to acquaintance, what pleasureth more.
the larger of body, the better for breede:
more forward of growing, the better they speede.

39 Good milchkow well fed, that is faier & sound,
is yerely for profit, as good as a pound.

and yet by the yere, haue I proued or now:
as good to the purse, is a sow as a kow.

40 Keepe one & kepe both, with as litle a cost,
then all shall be saued, & nothing be lost.
Both hauing together, what profit is caught:
good huswiues (I warrãt ye) nede not be taught.

41 Thy garden plot lately, wel trenched & muckt,
would now be twykalowd, ỳ mallows out pluckt.
well clensed & purged, of roote & of stone:
that faut therein afterward, found may be none.

42 Remember thy hop yard, if season be drye,
now dig it & weede it, & so let it lye.
More fenny the layer, the better his lust:
most apt to beare hops, whẽ it crumbles like dust.

43 To arbor begunne, & quick setted about,
no poeling nor waddling till set be far out.
For Rotten & aged, may stand for a sheaw:
but holde to their tackling, they cannot but feaw.

44 In Ianuere, husband that poucheth ỳ grotes,
will breake vp his laye, or be sowing of otes.
Otes sowen in Ianuere, lay by thy wheate:
in May, by thy hay, for thy cattle to eate.

45 Let seruant be ready, with mattock in hand,
to stubb out the bushes, that noyeth the land.
And cumberlome rootes, so annoying the plough:
turne vpward their arles, with sorow enough

46 Who

46 Who breakech vp timely, his fallow or laye,
lets forward his husbandry, many a waye.
this tilth in a tilture, well forward doth bring:
not onely thy tillage, but all other thing.

47 Some breaking vp lay, soweth otes to begin,
to suck out the moisture so sower therein.
yet otes with her sucking, a peeler is found:
and ill to the master, & worse to some ground.

48 Land arable greuen, or worne to the proofe,
and craueth some rest, for thy profits behoofe.
with otes ye may sowe it, the sooner to grasse:
and so to good profit, to bring it to passe.

Februaries abstract.

Chap. 30.

Febb. fill the dike,
with what ye like.

1 To costeman ride,
lent stuffe to prouide.

2 Sowe nowe ye maye,
beanes, pease grave.

Forgotten month past.
Do now at the last.

3 Kepe whight vnsowne,
till more be knowne.

4 Where clods great fall,
there harrow ye shall.

Stick boowes arowe,
where rouncivalls growe.

5 Sowe kirnels & hawe,
where ridge ye did drawe.

6 Sowe hemp to kill weede,
ſowe muſtard ſeede.

where ſetts do growe,
ſee nothing ye ſowe.

7 Cut vines & oſier,
plaſh hedge of encloſier.

Feede highly thy ſwan,
to loue her good man.

Neſt high I adviſe,
leaſt flood do ariſe.

8 Land medowe ſpare,
there dong is good ware.

9 Poore cattle crane,
ſome ſhift to haue.

10 How little geeueth,
that hardly leeueth.

Go ſtrike at the noewles,
of deluing moewles.

Such hillocks in vaine,
lay leueled playne.

Trench meadow & redge,
dike, quickſet & hedge.
Mo plots not full,
add bramble & hull.

Poore Tunney ſo bagged,
is ſoone ouer lagged.

Plaſh borow ſet clapper,
for dog is a ſnapper.

Good flight who loues,
muſt feede their doues.

Byd hawking adewe,
cait hawke into mewe.

Keepe ſheepe out of briers,
kepe beaſt out of miers.

Kepe lambs from for,
elſe ſheapard go bor.

Good neighbor mine,
now yoke thy ſwine.

Now euery day,
ſet hops ye may.

Now ſet for the pot,
beſt herbes to be got.

For flowers go ſet,
all ſortes ye can get.

As winter doth proue,
ſo maye ye remoue.

For all the yere,
now all thing here.

Watch ponds go looke,
to weeles & hooke.

Knaues ſeldome repent,
to ſteale in tent.
All fiſh they get,
that commeth to net.

Chap. 31.

NOw timely for lent stuff, thy money disburse,
the longer ye tary, for profit the wurse.
if one peny vantage, be there in to saue:
of costeman or Flemming, be sure it to haue.

2 Go plow in the stubble, take timely this season, Sowing of
be sowing of fitchis, of beanes & of peason. peason.
Now, sooner ye sowe them, the sooner they coom:
and better for houshold, they fill vp a roome.

3 Go harrow the peason, ye buried so depe,
least colde do compell them, for euer to slepe.
Or thystles so meany (that cumbersome wede)
where clay hath the maistrie, come vp in their stede.

4 Stick plenty of boows, among runcifall pease,
to climber there on, & to branch at their ease.
So doing more tender, & greater they wex:
if peacocke & turkey, leaue iobbing their becks.

5 Now sow & go harow (wher redge ye did draw)
the seede of the bremble, with kurnell & hawe.
which couered ouerlye, soone to shut out:
go see it be diched, & fenced about.

6 Where banks be amended, & newly vp cast, Sow hemp
sowe mustard seede, after a shower be past. seede i May
where plots full a nettles, be noysom to eye:
sowe therevpon hempseede, & nettles will dye.

7 The vines & the oziers, cut & lay set,
if grape be vnpleasant, a better go get.
Fede swan, & go make her vp, strongly a nest:
foz feare of a flood, good & high is the best.

8 Land meadow, that yerely is spared foz hay,
now fence it & spare it, & dong it ye may.
get mouleketcher, cunningly mowle foz to kill:
& harow & cast abzode, euery hill.

9 Frend alway let this, be a part of thy care,
foz shift of good pasture, laye pasture to spare.
so haue ye good feeding, in bushets & leaze:
& quickly safe finding, of cattle at ease.

10 where cattle may run about, roeuing at will,
from pasture to pasture, pooze belly to fill.
there pasture & cattle, both hungzy & bare:
foz want of good husbandzy, wozser do fare.

¶ Marches

Chap. 32.

Marche dust to be solde,
Worth raunsomes of golde.

Forgotten month past,
do now at the last.

1 Whight peason sowe,
Skare hungry crowe.

2 Spare meadow for hay,
spare marshes at May.

3 What champion bitch,
woodland refusith.

Keepe shepe from dog,
kepe lamb from hog.

If fores mowle them,
then, nightly howle them.

4 March dyge or wet,
hop ground go set.

Yong rootes well dress,
proue euer the best.

Hop gut or string,
is a naughtie thing.

5 Here learne the way,
hop rootes to lay.

6 Rootes best to proue,
thus set I loue.

7 Leaue space & rome,
to hillock to come.

8 Of hedge & willow,
hop makes her pillow.

Good bearing hop,
climes vp to the top.

Kepe hop from Sonne,
and hop is vndonne.

9 Hop tooles procure,
that may endure.

Iron crowe, like a stake,
depe hole to make.

A scraper to pare,
the earth about bare.

A bone to raise roote,
like sole of a boote.

Sharpe knife to cut,
superfluous gut.

10 Who grafting loues,
now grafting proues.

Of euery suite,
moste deintie fruite.

Graft good fruite all,
or graft not at all.

Sowe euen the land,
with plentifull hand.

Sowe ouer & vnder,
in clay is no wonder.

13 Straight follow & plough
and harrow enough.

With sling or bowe,
go skare away crowe.

14 Roule after a dealwe,
when barley doth shealwe.

More handsome to make it,
to mowe & to rake it.

15 Learne here ye may,
best harrowing way.

16 Make ready a plot,
for seedes for the pot.

17 Best searching mindes,
the best way findes.

18 For garden best,
in South south west.

19 Good tilth brings seedes,
ill tilture weedes.

20 For summer sowe nowe,
for winter tee bowe.

21 To set or sowe,
learne time to know,

22 Young plants sone die,
that growe to drie.

23 In countrey doth rest,
what season is best.

24 Good poore mans fare,
is poore mans care.

And not to boske,
of sod and roste.

25 Cause rooke & rauen,
to seeke a newe hauen.

Geld lambs now all,
streight as they fall.

Looke twice a day,
least lambs decay.

Keepe corne from crowe,
with arrow & bowe.

Where horse did harrow,
put stones in barrow.

Or laye them bye,
in heapes on bye.

Let oxen fat,
lose nothing of that.

Now hunt with dog,
vnyoked hog.

With doues good luck,
hen, goose, & duck.

To spare a right,
spare March his night.

Saue

Saue chickins pooze buttocks, from pye, crowe & puttocks.

Here learne to knowe, what ſeedes to ſowe.

Some loue now beſt, pong rabbets neſt,

And ſuch to plant, whoſe ſeedes do want.

Now knaues will ſteale, pyg, lamb & veale,

¶Seedes & herbes for the kytchen.

1 Auens.
2 Betanie
3 Bleetes or beetes, whit or yellowe.
4 Blood woorth.
5 Buglas
6 Burnet
7 Burrage
8 Cabage remoue in June.
9 Clarye
10 Colewoorts
11 Creſſes —
12 Endiue —
13 Fenell
14 French Malowes
15 Frēch Saffron Set in Auguſt.
16 Lang de bieſe
17 Leekes remoue in June.
18 Lettis — remoue in May.
19 Long woort
20 Lyuer woort
21 Marygoldes often cut.
22 Mercury
23 Pynes at all times.
24 Ney
25 Oyneons from December to Marche.

26 Orach or Arach, red & white.
27 Patiences.
28 Percelye.
29 Veneriall
30 Pyttherale,
31 Poyſe.
32 Roſemarye, in the Springtime.
33 Sage, red and white
34 Saffron, ſet in Auguſt.
35 Sommer ſauery.
36 Sorrell
37 Spinnage
38 Suckerye
39 Slethees
40 Tanzie
41 Time.
42 Violettes of all ſortes
43 Winter ſauory.

¶ Herbes & rootes, for ſallets & ſawce.

1 Aleranders, at all times.
2 Artichocks.
3 Bleſſed thyſtle, or Carduus Benedictus.
4 Cucumbers, in Aprill and Maye.
5 Creſſis, ſowe with Lettice in the Springe.
6 Endiue.
7 Muſtarde ſede, ſowe in the ſpring and at Michelmas.
8 Muſk mylions, in Aprill and May.
9 Mintes
10 Purſlane
11 Radiſh
12 Rampions.
13 Rocket, in Aprill.
14 Sage
15 Sorrell
16 Spinage, for the Summer.
17 Dealolye.

18 Sperage

18 Sperage. let growe two yeares, and then remoue.
19 Skirrets. sett their plantes in Marche.
20 Suckerye
21 Tarragon Aprill.
22 Violets.

¶ These buy with the penye, or loke not for eny.

1 Capers
2 Lemmans
3 Olyues
4 Orengis
5 Rise
6 Sampire.

¶ Herbes & rootes to boyle or to butter.

1 Beanes, set in winter.
2 Cabbegis, sowe in Marche, and after remoue,
3 Carrets.
4 Cytrons, sowe in May.
5 Goordes, in May.
6 Nauews, sowe in June
7 Pompiones, in May.
8 Parceneps, in winter.
9 Roncifall pease, set in winter.
10 Rapes, sowe in June
11 Turnepes, in March & Aprill.

¶ Strowing herbes of all sortes.

1 Basell, fine and bushe, sowe in May.
2 Balwine set in Marche.
3 Camamel.
4 Costmarye.
5 Cowsleps, and paggles.

6 Daysies, of all sorts
7 Swete fennell
8 Germander
9 Isop set in Februarie.
10 Lauender
11 Lauender spike
12 Lauender cotten
13 Margerom knotted, sowe or set at the Spring.
14 Mawdelin
15 Peny ryall
16 Roses, of all sortes in Jan. & Sept.
17 Red myntes
18 Sage
19 Tanzey
20 Violets
21 Winter sauery

¶ Herbes, branchis & flowers for windowes & potts.

1 Bayes sowe, or set in plants in Januarie.
2 Batchelers buttons,
3 Botles, blewe, red & tawney,
4 Collembines.
5 Campions
6 Daffadondillies
7 Eglantine, or sweete bryer
8 Fetherfewe
9 Flower armour sowe in Maye.
10 Flower de luce
11 Flower gentil, white and red
12 Flower nyce
13 Gelyflowers, red, white & carnacions, set in Spring, & Parnell in potts, pailes or tubs, or sey some in beds.
14 Hollokes, red, white and carnacions.
15 Indian eye sowe in Maye, or set in slips in Marche.
16 Lauender, of all sorts.

Lackes

17 Larkes foot
18 Laus tibi
19 Lillium cum balium.
20 Lilies, red & white, sowe or set in Marche, & September.
21 Marigoldes double
22 Nigella Romana
23 Paunces, or hartseale
24 Pagels, grauen yellowe
25 Pinkes, of all sorts
26 Quene gelliflowers
27 Rosemary
28 Roses of all sorts
29 Snap dragons
30 Sopps in wine
31 Swete williams
32 Swete Jhons
33 Star of Bethelem.
34 Star of Jerusalem
35 Stock gelliflowers of al sortes
36 Tuft gelliflowers.
37 Veluet floures, or frēchmarigold
38 Violets yelow & white.
39 Wall gelliflowers of all sorts.

¶Herbs to still in sommer.

1 Blessed thistle
2 Betonye.
3 Dill.
4 Endive.
5 Eye bright.
6 Fennell.
7 Fumetorie.
8 Isop.
9 Mints.
10 Plantine.
11 Roses. red & damask.
12 Respice.

13 Sarefrage
14 Strawberies.
15 Sorrell
16 Suckerie
17 Woodroofe for swete waters & cakes.

¶ Necessarie herbes to growe in the garden for Phisick, not reherst before.

1 Anys
2 Archangell
3 Betany
4 Charvyle
5 Cinqfile
6 Cummin
7 Dragonnes
8 Detanye, or garden gynger.
9 Gromell seede for the stone.
10 Hartstongue
11 Horehounde
12 Louage for the stone.
13 Lycorys
14 Mandrake
15 Moogwort
16 Pyoneres
17 Poppye
18 Rewe
19 Rubarb
20 Smalache
21 Sarefrage, for the stone.
22 Saun, for the botts.
23 Stichwoort
24 Valerian
25 Woodbine.

Thus endes my briefe,
of herbes the chiefe.
To get more skill,
reade whom ye will.
Suche moe to haue,
De Kelthe goe crauc.

¶ Chap. 33.

WHite pease both good, for the pot & the purse
by sowing to timely, proue often the wurse.
because they be tender, & hateth the colde:
proue Marche er ye sowe them, for being to bolde.

2 Spare medowe at Gregory, marshes at Pask,
for feare of drie sommer, no longer time aske.
Then hedge them & ditch them, bestow thereō pēce,
corne meadow & pasture, aske euer good rente.

3 Of Mastines and mungrils, that many wee see,
a number of thousands, to many there bee.
watch therfore in lent, to thy sheepe go and loke:
for dogs will haue vittels, by hooke or by croke.

¶ The maner of setting of hops.

4 In Marche at the furdest, drie season or wet,
hop rootes so well choesen, let skilfull go set.
The goeler and yonger, the better I loue:
well gutted and pared, the better they proue.

5 Some layeth thē crosswise, along in the ground,
as high as thy knee, they do couer vp round.
Some prick vp a stick, in the midds of the same:
that litle round hillock, the better to frame.

6 Some maketh a hollownes, halfe a foote deepe,
with sower sets in it, set slant wise a steepe.
one foote from another, in order to lye:
and thereon a hillock, as round as a pye.

7 Fiue

7 Fiue foote from another, ech hillock wold stand,
as straight, as a leaueled line with the hand.
Let euery hillock, be fower foote wide:
the better to come to, on euery side.

8 By willowes ẏ groweth, thy hopyard without,
& also by hedges, thy meadowes about,
Good hop hath a pleasure, to clime & to spred:
if sonne may haue passage, to comfort her hed.

Hopp tooles. 9 Get crowe made of Iron, depe hole for to make,
with crosse ouerthwart it, as sharp as a stake.
A hone & a parer, like sole of a boote:
to pare away grasse, & to rayse vp the roote.

10 In March is good grafting, ẏ skilful do know,
so long as the winde, in the east do not blowe.
From moone being changed, till past be the prime:
for grafting & cropping, is very good time.

11 Things grafted or planted, the greatest & least,
defend against tempest, the bird and the beast.
Defended shall prosper, the tother is lost:
the thing with the labor, the time and the cost.

Sowinge of barley. 12 Sowe barley in Marche, & in Aprill & May,
the later in sand, & the sooner in claye.
What weather for barley, then wetnes & colde:
what better with skilfull, then time to be bolde.

13 Let barley be harrowed, finely as dust,
then workmanly trench it, & fence it ye must.

This

This season wel plied, let sowing an end,
and praise & pray God, a good harueſt to send.

14 Some rowleth their barley, straight after a raine, Rowling of barle
when first it apereth, to leauell it plaine,
The barley so vsed, the better doth growe,
and handsome ye make it, at harueſt to mowe.

15 Otes, barley and peaſe, harowe after ye sowe,
for rye harow first, as alreadie ye know.
Leaue wheat little clod, or to coouer the hed:
that after a froſt, it may out and go spred.

16 In March, May, and Aprill, frō morning to night Garden
in sowing and setting, good huſwiues delight.
To haue in a garden, or other like plot:
to trim vp their houſe, and to furniſh their pot.

17 The nature of flowers daine phiſicke doth shew,
she teacheth them all, to be knowne to a few.
To set or to sowe, or els sowne to remoue:
how that should be practiſed, learne if ye loue.

18 Land falling or lying, full South or southwest,
for profite by tillage, is lightly the best.
So garden with orchard, & hoppard I finde:
that want the like benefite, grow out a kinde.

19 If fild to bearne corne, a good tillage with craue,
what thinke ye of Garden, what garden would haue.
In field without coſt, be aſſured of weedes:
in garden be suer thou loeſist thy seedes.

20 At spring (for the sommer) sowe garden ye shal,
at harueſt (for winter) or sowe not at all.
Dit digging, remouing, or weeding (ye see)
makes herb the more holesome, and greater to be.

21 Time fayer, to sowe or to gather be bold,
but set or remoue, when the weather is cold.
Cut al thing or gather, the Moone in the wane:
but sowe in encreasing, or giue it his bane.

22 New set do aske watring, with pot or with dish,
new sowne do not so, if ye do as I wish.
Through cunning wt dybble, rake, mattock & spade:
by line & by leauell, trim garden is made.

23 Who soweth too late ward, hath seldom good seede,
who soweth too soone, little better shall speede.
Apt time and the season, so diuers to hit:
this booke may enstruct him, that hath any wit.

24 Good pease, and leekes, to make porredge in lent,
and peseods in July, saue sith to be spent.
Those hauing with other things, plentifull than:
thou winnest the hart, of the laboring man.

25 Kill crowe, pie & cadow, rooke, buzard & rauen,
or els go desire them, to seeke a new hauen.
in scaling the youngest, to plucke of his beck:
beware how ye climber, for breaking your neck.

Aprils abſtract.

Chap. 34.

Sweete Aprill ſhowers
do ſpring Maye flowers.

Forgotten month paſt,
do new at the laſt.

1 Set hop his pole,
make deepe the hole.

2 Firſt bark go ſell,
er timber ye fell.

3 Fence copie in,
er hewers begin.

4 The beſt ye know,
for ſtaddles let grow.

5 Crab tree preſerue,
for plow to ſerue.

6 Get timber out,
er yere go about.

7 Man, cow prouides,
wife dayry guides.

8 Slut Ciſley vntaught,
hath whitemeat naught.

9 Some bringeth in gaines,
ſome loſſe beſides paines.

Runne Cys, kaut knowne
with more the thine owne

10 Such Miſtreſſe ſuch nan,
ſuch Maſter ſuch man.

11 By ſuch ill geſtes,
poore Cys, ill reſtes.

Such kautes as theaſe,
god dame will eaſe.

Theſe kautes all ten,
abhorreth all men.

12 A warning for Cyſſe,
for doing amiſſe.

Aprils Husbandrie. Chap. 35.

GEt into thy hoppyard, with plenty of poles,
among thoſe ſame hillocks, deuide the by doles.
Three poles to a hillock (I paſſe not how long)
ſhall yeeld thee more profite, ſet depely and ſtrong.

ning of
mber.

2 Sell bark to the Tanner, er timber ye fell,
Cut lowe by the ground, or elle do ye not well.
In breaking, saue crooked, for myll & for shippes:
and euer in hewing, saue carpenters chippes.

3 First see it well fenced, or heawers begin,
then see it well staddled, without & within.
Thus being preserued, & husbandly donne:
shall sooner raise profit, to thee or thy sonne.

4 Leaue growing for staddles, the likest and best,
though seller & buyer, dispatcheth the rest.
In bushet, in hedgerowe, in groue and in wood:
this lesson obserued, is needfull and good.

5 Saue elme, ashe & crabtree, for cart & for plough,
Saue step for a stile, of the crotch of the bough.
Saue hazell for folks, saue sallowe for rake:
saue huluer and thorne, thereof flayle for to make.

6 Make riddance of carrige, er yere go about,
for spoyling of plant, that is newly come out.
To carter (with oxen) this message I bring:
leaue oxen abrode, for annoying the spring.

7 From Aprill beginning, till Andrew be past,
so long with good huswife, hir dayry doth last.
dayry
tters. Good beast and good pasture, good husbands prouide
the rest due, good huswiues, know best how to guide.

8 Ill huswife vnskilfull, to make hir owne cheese,
through trusting of others haue this for hir fee se.

Hir

Hir milk pan & creame pot, so slabberd and sost:
that butter is wanting, and cheese is half lost.

9 Where some of a kow, do rayse yearely a pound,
with such seely huswiues, no peny is found.
Then dayry maid (Cisse) her saut being knowne,
away apace trudgeth, with more then her owne.

10 Then neighbour for Gods sake, if any you see,
good seruaunt for dayry house, wayne her to mee.
Such maister such man, & such mistres such mayde:
such husband and huswife, such house is arayde.

¶ A lesson for dayry mayd Cysley of ten toppings gests.

AS wife that will,
good husband please,
must shonne with skill,
such gests as thease:
So Cysse that serues,
must mark this note,
what saute deserues
a brushed cote.

Gehezy, Lots huswife, and Argulles eyes,
Tom Pyper, pore Cobler, and Lazarus tyes.
Rough Esau and Malvolin, with Gentles that skrall,
With Bishop that turneth, and burneth vp all.

These toppingly gests, be in number but ten,
as welcome in dayry, as beares among men:
which being described, take heed of you shall,
for daunger of afterclaps, after that fall.

White & rye.

1 Gehezy, his sicknes was whightish and drie,
such cheeses good Cisley, ye sloted to nie.

To salt.

2 Leaue Lot with her piller, (good Cisley) alone,
much saltnes in white meat, is ill for the stone.

Ful of eies.

3 If cheeses in dayrie, haue Argulles eies,
tell Cisley the faut, in her hus wiferie lies.

Houen

4 Tom Pyeper, hath houen and puffed vp cheekes,
if cheese be so houen, make Cis to seeke creekes.

Tough.

5 Poore Cobler he toggeth his leatherly trash,
if cheese abide togging, at Cisley a crash.

Ful of spots

6 If Lazer so lothsome, in cheese be espied,
let bayes amend Cisley, or set her aside.

Full of speares

7 Rough Esau was hearie, from top to the foot,
if cheese so appeareth, call Cisley a slut.

Ful of whay

8 As Mawdelin wept, so would Cisley be drest,
for whay in her cheeses, not half nough prest.

Full of gentils

9 If gentils be skrauling, call magget the pye,
if cheeses haue gentils, at Cis by and by.

Burnt to the panne.

10 Blesse Cisley (good mistres) that bishop doth banne,
for burning the milk of hir cheese to the panne.

Amend

Amend so oft beaten,
for doing amisse?
I will no more threaten,
I promis thee Cysse.

Thus dayrie mayd Cisley, rehersed ye see,
what sautes with ill huswife, in dairie house bee.
Of market abhorred, to household a griefe:
to maister and mistres, as ill as a thiefe.

Mayes abstract. Cap. 36.

Cold May and a winedye,
Barne filleth vp finelye.

Forgotten month past,
Doo now at the last.

1 Put lamb from eawe,
to milk a feaw.

Let Iuye be killed,
or træ wilbe spilled.

2 Be not to bold,
to milke and fold.

7 Now threshers warne,
to ryd the barne.

3 Fine eawes alow,
to euery kow.

8 Be suer of hay,
till thend of May.

4 Sheepe wigling sayle,
hath maads without sayle.

9 Let sheepe fill flank,
where corne is to rank.

5 Beate in the réede,
as house hath néede.

In woodland euer,
in champion neuer.

6 Leaue cropping from may,
till Michelmas day.

10 To weeding away,
as sone as ye may.

ii Corne

11 For corne here rede,
what naughty wede.

12 Who weeding slacketh,
good hus bandry lacketh.

13 Sowe buck or hranck,
that smels so ranck.

14 Sowe hemp and flax,
that linnen lacks.

15 Teach hop to clime,
for now it is time.

16 Through fowles & wedes,
poore hop ill spedes.

Cut off or crop,
superfluous hop.

17 The tytters or tyne,
now rake out tyne.

18 New setts do craue,
some weding to haue.

19 Now drayne as ye like,
both fenne and dike.

20 Watch bees in May,
for swarming away.

Both now and in June,
mark master bees tune.

21 Twy fallow thy land,
least plough els stand.

22 No longer tary,
out compas to cary.

23 Where need doth pray it,
there see ye lay it.

24 Set Jack and Jone,
to gather vp stone.

25 To grasse with calues,
take nothing to halues.

26 Be suer thy neate,
haue water and meate.

27 By tayneting of ground,
destruction is found.

28 Now carrig get,
home fuel well to fet.

Tell fagot and billet,
for filching gillet.

29 In sommer for hering,
let citie be buing.

Mark colliers packing,
least coales be lacking.

Se opened sack,
for two in a pack.

30 Let nodding patch,
go sleepe a snatch.

31 Wike if ye will,
now plie your still.

32 Fine

32 Fine Hazell sowe,
In a pot to growe.
From bull, kow fast,
till Crowtchmas be past.
S. Helens daye.

Fines seedes sowe nowe,
(before ye sawe howe.)
From heffar bull bid thee,
till Lammas doth byd thee.

Mayes husbandry.

¶ Chap. 37.

AT Phillip & Jacob, away with the lambs,
that thinkest to haue, any milk of their dammes.
At Lammas leaue milking, for feare of a thing:
least (requiem æternam) in winter they sing.

2 To milk and to folde them, is much to require,
except ye haue pasture, to fill their desire.
yet many by milking (suche heede they do take)
not hurting their bodies, muche profit to make.

3 Fiue Ewes to a kow, make a proofe by a score,
shall double thy dairie, else trust me no more.
yet maye a good huswife, that knoweth the skill:
haue mixt or vnmixt, at her pleasure & will.

4 If sheepe or thy lamb, fall a wrigling with taile,
go by & by searche it, whiles help may preuaile.
That barberiye handled, I dare the assure:
cast dust in hys arse, thou hast finisht thy cure.

5 Where houses be reeded (as houses haue nede)
now pare of the mosse, & go beat in the reede.
The iuster ye driue it, the smoother & plaine:
more handsome ye make it, to shut of the raine.

6 From May til October, leaue cropping, for why,
in woodsere, what euer thou croppist will die.
where Iuye embraseth, the tree very sore:
kill Iuye, or tree else, will addle no more.

7 Kepe thresshing for thresher, til May be come in,
to haue to be suer, fresh chaff in the bin.
and somewhat to scamble, for hog & for hen:
& worke when it rayneth, for loytering men.

8 Be suer of haye, & of prouender some,
for labouring cattle, till pasture be come.
And if ye do minde, to haue nothing to sterue:
haue one thing or other, for al thing to serue.

9 Ground compassed well, & a following yere,
(if wheate or thy barley, too rank doth appere)
Now eate it with sheepe, or els mowe it ye may:
for ledging & so, to the birdes for a pray.

10 In May get a wede hoke, a crotch & a gloue,
and wede out such wedes, as the corne do not loue
for weding of winter corne, now it is best:
but June is the better, for weding the rest.

All weedes 11 the May wede doth burn, & ỹ thistle doth freate
the tythes pul downward, both rye & the wheat.

The

The brake & the cockle, be noyſome to muche:
yet like vnto boddle, no weede there is ſuch.

12 Slack neuer thy wedig, for derth nor for cheape
the corne ſhall reward it, er euer ye reape.
and ſpecially where ye do truſt to for ſeede:
let that be well weeded, the better to ſpeede.

13 In May is good ſoweing, thy buck or thy brāk Soweing of brāken
that black is as peper, & ſmelleth ſo rank.
It is to thy land, as a comfort or muck:
and al thing it maketh, as fat as a buck.

14 Good flax & good hēp, for to haue of her owne, Soweing of flax & hemp
in May, a good huſwife, will ſee it be ſowne.
And afterward trim it, to ſerue at a neede:
the ſymble to ſpinne, & ỳ karle for her ſeede.

15 Get in to thy hoppard, for now it is time,
to teach Roben hop, on his pole how to clime.
To folow the Sunne, as his propertie is:
and weede him & trim him, if ought go amis.

16 Graſſe, thiſtle & muſtard ſeede, hemlock & bur,
tine, mallowes & nettles, that kepe ſuch a ſtur,
with pecock & turkye, that nibbles of top:
are very ill neighbors, to ſeely poore hop.

17 From wheat go & rake out, the titters or tine,
if eare be not forth, it will riſe againe fine.
Vſe now in thy rye, little raking or none:
breake tine from his roote, & ſo let it alone.

18 Bāks newly quickſettid, ſom weding do craue,
the kindlyer nurriſhment, thereby to haue,
then after a ſhower, to weding a ſnatch:
moze eaſelye wede, with the roote to diſpatch.

19 The Fen & the quamere, ſo marriſh be kinde,
& are to be drayned, nowe wine to thy minde.
which yerely vndrayned, and ſuffer'd vncut:
annoyeth the medowes, that thereon do but.

20 Take heede to thy bees, ỳ are ready to ſwarme
the loſſe thereof now, is a crownes woꝛth of harme
let ſkilful be ready, and diligence ſeene:
leaſt being to careles, thou loſeſt thy beene.

21 In May at the furdeſt, twy fallow thy land,
much drowt may elſe after, cauſe plough foꝛ to ſtand
thys tilth being donne, ye haue paſſed the wurſt:
then after who ploweth, plow thow with the furſt.

22 Twye fallow once endid, get tumbrell & man,
& compas that fallowe, as ſone as ye can.
Let ſkilfull beſtowe it, where neede is vpon:
moze profit the ſooner, to follow there on.

23 Hyde hedlonds wᵗ muck, if ye will to the knees,
ſo dripped & ſhadowd, with buſhes and trees.
bare plots full of galles, yᵗ ye plow ouerthwart,
& compas it then, is a huſbandly part.

24 Let childꝛen be hyered, to laye to their bones,
from fallow as nedith, to gather vp ſtones.

what

what wisdom, for profit aduiseth vnto:
that husband & huswife, must willingly do.

25 To grasse w̄ thy calues, in som meadow plot nere
where neither their mothers, may see thē nor here,
where water is plentie, & barth to sit warme:
& loke well vnto them, for taking of harme.

26 Pinch neuer thy wemels, of water or meate,
if euer ye hope, for to see them good neate.
in sommer time daylie, in winter in frost:
if cattle lack drink, they be vtterly lost.

27 For coueting much, ouer laye not thy grounde,
& then shall thy cattle, bee lusty and sound.
but pinch them of pasture, while sommer doth last,
& lifte at their tailes, er an winter be past.

28 Get home with thy fewel, made ready to set,
the sooner, the easier, caridge to get.
or otherwise linger, the carridge thereon:
till (where as ye left it) a quarter be gon.

29 His fiering in sommer, let citezen buye,
least buyinge in winter, make purse for to crie.
For carman & collier, harps on a stringe:
in winter they cast, to be with the to bringe.

30 From May till mid August, an hower or two,
let patch sleape a snatch, how someuer ye do.
though sleaping one hower, refreshith hys song:
yet trust not hob growthed, for sleaping to long.

31 The knowledge of stilling, is one preaty feate,
the waters be holesome, the charges not greate.
what timely thou gettest, while sommer doth last:
think winter wil help thee, to spend it as fast.

32 Fine Bazel desireth, it may be her lot,
to growe as the gelisflower, trim in a pot.
that ladies & gentles, for whom she doth serue:
may help her as nedeth, poore life to preserue.

Iunes abstract.
Chap. 38.

Calme weather in Iune,
Corne setts in tune.

Forgotten month past,
Do now at the last.

1 Wash shepe for to share,
that shepe may go bare.

2 Though fleese ye take,
no patches make.

3 Share lambs no whit,
or share not yet.

4 If meadow be growen,
Let meadow be mowen.

5 Plowe early ye may,
and then carry hay.

6 This good to be knowne,
to haue of thine owne.

7 Who goeth a borrowing,
goeth a sorrowing.

8 Be cart in plight,
and all things right.

9 Make drie ouer hed,
both houel & shed.

10 Of houel make stack,
with pease on his back.

11 Good store house nedefull,
in order spedefull.

12 Thy barne repaier,
make flower faier.

Such

13 Such shrubbs as noy,
in sommer destroy.

14 Swinge brimbles & brakes
get forkes & rakes.

15 Spare hedlond some,
till harvest come.

16 Cast ditche & pond,
to lay upon lond.

17 Where hops will growe,
here learne to knowe.

Hops many will come,
in a roode of some.

18 Hops hates the land,
with gravel & sand.

19 Dye rotten moolde,
for hop is worth goolde.

20 The Sunne south well,
for hop yard best.

21 Hop plot once founde,
Now digg the grounde.

22 Hops favoreth malt,
hops thrift doth exalt.

Of hops more reede,
as time doth needs.

Iunes husbandry.

Chap. 39.

WAsh sheepe (for y better) where water doth ru.
& let him go clenly, & drye in the sun.
then share him & spare not, at two daies an end:
the sooner the better, his corps will amend.

2 Reward

2 Reward not thy shepe (when ye take of his cote)
with ewitchis & patchis, as brode as a grote.
let not such vngentlenes, happen to thine:
least slye with her gentils, do make it to pine.

3 Let lambs go vnclipped, till June be half worne,
the better their fleeses, will growe to be shorne.
the Pye will discharge thee, for pulling the rest:
the lighter the sheepe is, then feedeth it best.

4 If meadow be forward, be mowing of some,
but mowe as the makers, may well ouercome.
take heede to the weather, the winde and the skye:
if danger approcheth, then cock a pace crye.

5 Plough earely till ten a clock, then to thy haye,
in plowing and carting, so profit ye maye.
by little and little, thus doing ye win:
that plough shal not hinder, when harueste cões in.

6 Prouide of thine owne, to haue all thing at hãd,
least worke and the workman, vnoccupied stand.
Loue seldome to borow, that thinkest to saue:
for he that once lendeth, twice looketh to haue.

7 Let Cart be well searched, without & within,
well clowted and greased, et haye time begin.
Thy haye being carried, though carter had sworne:
carts bottom well boorded, is sauing of corne.

8 Good husbands ye lay, to sane all thing vpright,
for tumbrels and cart, haue a shed redy dight.

where vnder the hog, may as winter be warme,
to stand so enclosed, as winde do no harme.

9 So likewise a hoüell, will serue for a roome,
to stack on thy peason, when harvest shall coom.
and serue thee in winter, more ouer then that:
to shut vp the porklings, thou mindest to fat.

10 What husbandly husbãds, except they be fooles,
but hãdsom haue store house, for trinkets & tooles.
And all in good order, fast locked to lye:
what euer is needfull, to finde by & bye.

11 Thy heuses & barnes, would be looked vpon,
and all thing amended, er harvest come on.
Things thus set in order, in quiet & rest:
shall furder thy harvest, & pleasure thee best.

12 The bushes & thorne, w̃ the shrubbs that do ioy
in woodsere vp sommer, cut downe to destroy.
But where as decay, to the tree ye will nouz:
for danger in woodsere, let hacking alone.

13 At midsommer, down w̃ the brembles & brakes
and after, abrode with thy forkes & thy rakes.
set mawers a mowing, wher meadow is growen
the lõger (now standing) the more to be mowen.

14 Now down w̃ the grasse, vpon hedlõds about,
that groweth in shadow, so rank & so stout.
But grasse vpon hedland, of barley & peason
when harvest is ended, go mowe it ye please.

15 Suche muddy deepe diches, & pits in ỳ field,
that all a drie summer, no water will yeld,
By lieing & casting, that mudde vpon heapes:
commodities many, the husband man reapes.

A lesson where and when to plant good
Hoppyarde.

16 When fansy perswadeth, among other cropps,
to haue for his spending, sufficient of hopps,
must willingly falow, of choyses to chuse:
suche lessons approued, as faithfull do vse.

17 Ground, grauely, sandy, & mixed with clay,
is naughty for hops, any maner of way.
Or if it be mingled, with rubbish & stone:
for drienes & barrennes, let it alone.

18 Chuse soile for the hop, of the rottenest mould,
well donged & wrought, as a garden plot should,
not far fro the water (but not ouerflowne)
this lesson well noted, is meete to be knowne.

19 The Sunne in the South, or els southly & west,
is ioy to the hop, as a welcomed gest.
But winde in the north, or else northely & east:
to hop is as ill, as a frape in a feast.

20 Meete plot for a hoppyard, once fould as is tolde,
make thereof accompt, as of Iewel of golde.
Now digit, & leaue it the Sunne for to burne:
and afterwards fence it, as I the for that turne.

21 The hop for his profit, I thus do exalt,
it strengtheneth drink, & it fauoreth malt.
And being wel brewed, long kept it will last:
and drawing abide, if ye drawe not to fast.

Iulies abstract.
Chap. 40.

No tempest good Iulie,
Least all, looke rulie.

Forgotten month past,
do now at the last.

1 Gowe, fire away,
to feed make hay.

If Corne dazles nye
then cockspace crye.

2 Let hay till abide,
till wel it be dride.

Hay made away carry,
no longer tarry.

3 Who best way tieth,
he best way thriueth.

4 Two good hay makers,
worth twenty crakers.

5 Let dalops about,
be mowen & had out.

The hay do looke greene,
& filde ye rake cleene.

6 Thy fallow I pray thee,
fast thistles bewraye thee.

7 Cut of good wise,
ripe beane with a knife.

8 Ripe hemp out pull,
from karle to pull.

Let seede hemp growe,
till more ye knowe.

9 Some wormewood saue,
for March to haue.

10 Get grist to the mill,
for wanting at will.

Go reape or pluck,
thy pranke for buck.

Dryde flax get in,
for moysde to spin.

Chap. 41

ay harueſt

GO muſter thy ſeruants, be captain thy ſelfe,
prouiding them weapon, & other like pelfe.
get bottels & wallets, keepe fielde in the heat:
the feare is as much, as the danger is great.

2 With tolling & raking, & ſetting on cocks,
graſſe lately in ſwathes, is hay for an ox.
that donne, go & cart it, & haue it away:
the battel is fought, ye haue gotten the day.

3 Paye iuſtly thy tithes, what euer thou be,
that God may in bleſſing, ſend foizen to the.
though curat be bad, or the parſon as euell:
go not for thy tithing, thy ſelfe to the deuell.

4 Let haye be well made, or auiſe elſe auouis,
for moulding in goef, or of fiering the houſe.
laye courſtill aſyde, for the ox & the cow:
the fineſt for ſhepe, & thy gelding alow.

5 Then down with thy hedlond, ſ growith about
leaue neuer a balop, vnmowen & had out.
though graſſe be but thin, about barly & peaſe:
yet picked vp cleane, ye ſhall finde therein eaſe.

Thyfallowing.

6 Thyfallow betime, for deſtroyng of weede,
leaſt thiſtle & dock, fall a blooming & ſeede.
ſuch ſeaſon may chance, it ſhall ſtand thee apon:
to til it againe er an Lammer be gon.

7 Not rend of, but cut of, vype beane with a knife,
for hindering ſtalke, of her vegetiue life:.
ſo gather the loweiſt, & leauing the top:
ſhall teache thee a trick, for to dubble thy crop.

8 Wife pluck fro thy ſeede hēp, ỳ kimble hēp clene,
this loketh moze yealow, the other moze grene.
vſe ton for thy ſpinning, leaue Wighel the tother:
for ſhoothzede & halter, for rope & ſuch other.
(twaine,

9 while woozmwood hath ſeede, get a bundle oz
to ſaue againſt March, to make flea to zefraine.
where chāber is ſwept, & ỳ wozmwood is ſtrowne
no flea for his life, dare abide to be knowne.

10 Get gryſt to the mill, to haue plenty in ſtoze,
leaſt miller lack water, as meany do moze.
the meale the moze yeldeth, if ſeruant be true:
& miller that tolleth, take none but his due.

Chap. 42.

Drye Auguſt & warme,
Doth haruеſt no harme.

Forgotten mouth paſt,
Do now at the laſt.

1 Thy following woorne,
get compaſſing doorne.

2 In June & in Awe,
ſwinge brakes for a lawe.

3 Yard ſaffron plot,
forget it not.

His dwelling made trim,
loke thorthy for him.

When haruеſt is gon,
then ſaffron comes on.

4 A little of ground,
brings ſaffron a pound.

Kepe culler in dyeng,
(well vſed) worth buying.

The pleaſure fine,
the profit thine.

Now ſtrike the doorne,
roorn haruеſt man roorn.

Take paine for a gaine,
one knaue marrieth twaine

Get reapers by day,
Leaſt corne do decay.

By great is the cheaper,
if truſtie were reaper.

7 Geue gloues to reapers,
bloode borne for fleapers.

8 Well doings who loueth,
theſe haruеſt points prueth

9 Pay God his part furſt,
and not of the ſurſt.

That perſon may,
ſtthe carry away.

10 Keepe cart gap weele,
keepe hog from wheele.

11 Wolne barley leſſe coſt,
ſtll wolne, much loſt.

12 Wolne barley, with hand,
that will not ſtand.

Let greneſt ſtand,
for making of band.

Bãds made, wone dealw,
will hold but a ſcalw.

13 Lay hand, to finde her,
two rakes to a binder.

14 Rake after ſtethe,
and pay thy ſtethe.

Corne carryd all,
then rake it ye ſhall.

Let

15 Let ſhork take ſweate,
leaſt goeſe take heate.

Yet is it beſt reaſon,
to take it in ſeaſon.

16 Poze often ye turne,
moze peaſe ye out ſpurne.

Yet winne w them in,
er carriage begin.

17 Thy carriage plye,
while weather is dꝛye.

18 Bid gooning clim,
goue inſt e trim.

19 Lay peaſe vpon ſtack,
if houel ye lack.

And couer it ſtraight,
from doues that waight.

20 Let gleaners gleane,
the pooze I meane.

Which euer ye ſowe,
that firſt eat lowe.

The other foꝛbare,
foꝛ rowen to ſpare,

21 Come home lozde ſinging,
come car t, cozns bꝛinging.

Be mery in hall,
Let beards wag all.

22 Once bay thy deſire,
pay woꝛkman his hire.

Let none be begilde,
man, woman noꝛ childe.

23 Thank God ſo ye ſhall,
and aous foꝛ all.

Auguſts Huſbandry.
Chap. 43.

THy fallow once ended, go ſtrike by & by,
both wheat land, & barley, & ſo let it lyet
and as ye haue leyſoꝛ, go compas the ſame:
when vp ye do lay it, moze fertfull to frame.

2 Get downe w thy bꝛakes, er an ſhowers do come — Powing of bꝛakes.
that cattle the better may paſture haue ſome.

In

In June & in Auguſt, as well doth appere:
is beſt to mowe brakes, of all times in the yere.

3 Pare ſaffron, betwene the two S. Mary daies,
or ſet or go ſhift it, that knoweſt the waies.
What yere ſhall I do it, (moze profit to yeld:)
the fowerth in garden, the third in the field.

4 In hauing but fozty foote, cunningly dight,
take ſaffron enough, foz a lozde & a knight.
All winter time after, as practiſe doth teache:
what plot haue ye better, foz linnen to bleache.

Corne harueſt. 5 Make ſuer of reapers, get harueſt in hand,
the corne that is ripe, do but ſhed as it ſtand.
Be thankfull to God, foz his benefits ſent:
and willing to ſaue it, with earneſt entent.

6 To let out thy harueſt, by great or by day,
let this by experience, leade thee awaye.
By great will deceiue thee, with lingring it out:
by day will diſpatch, & put all out of dout.

7 Grant harueſt lozde moze, by a peny or two,
to call on his fellowes, the better to do.
Geue goodes to thy reapers, a lat ges to crye:
and dayly to loyterers, haue a good eye.

Good harueſt points. 8 Reape well, feather not, gather clene, & ſhozne,
binde faſt, ſhock a pace, haue an eye to thy corne.
Lode faſt, carry home, follow time being faire:
goue roft, in the barne it is out of diſpaire.

9 Corne

9 Corne tythed (Sir parſon) together go get,
And cauſe it on ſhocks, to be by and by ſet.
Not leauing it ſcattering, abrode on the grou̅d:
nor long in the field, but away with it round.

10 To cart, gap, a barne, ſet a guide to loke weele,
and hoy out (ſir carter) the hog fro the wheele.
Leaſt greedy of feeding, in following cart:
It noyeth or periſheth, ſpight of thy hart.

11 The mowing of Barley, if Barley do ſtand, Mowing of barley.
Is cheapeſt and beſt, for to rid out of hand.
Some mowe it and rake it, and ſets it on cocks:
Some mowe it and binds it, & ſets it on ſhocks.

12 Of barley the longeſt, and greeneſt ye find,
Leaue ſtanding by dalops, till time ye do bind.
Then earely in morning (while dew is theron)
to making of bands, till the dew bee all gon.

13 One ſpreadeth thoſe bands, ſo in order to lie,
as barley (in ſwathes,) may fill it thereby.
Which gathered vp, with the rake and the hand,
the follower after them, bindeth in band.

14 Where barley is raked, (if dealing be true)
the tenth of ſuch raking, to perſon is due.
Where ſcattring of barley, is ſeene to bee much:
ther cuſtome nor cõſcience, tything ſhuld grutch.

15 Corne being had downe, (any waye ye alow)
Should wither as nedeth, for burning in mow.

Such ſkill apertaineth, to haruest mangs art:
And taken in time, is a huſbandly part.

16 No turning of peaſon, till carrige yea make,
Nor turne in no more, then ye mind for to take.
leaſt beaton with ſhowers, ſo turned to drie:
by turning & tolling, they ſhed as they lie.

17 If weather be faire, and ty die thy graine,
Make ſpedely carrige, for feare of a raine.
For tempeſt and ſhowers, deceaueth a meny:
And lingring lubbers, looſe many a peny.

18 In goening at haruest, learne ſkilfully how,
Ech graine for to lay, by it ſelfe on a mow:
Sede barely the pureſt, goue out of the way,
All other nigh hand, goue as iuſt as ye may.

19 Stack peaſe vppon houel, abrode in the yard,
to couer it quickly, let owner regard.
Leaſt doue & the cadow, there finding a ſmack:
with ſtormie il weather, do periſh thy ſtack.

20 Corne carryd, let ſuch as be poore go & gleane
And after thy cattell, to mowthit vp cleane.
Then ſpare it for rowen, till Mihel be paſt:
to lengthen thy dayrie, no better thou haſt.

21 In haruest time, haruest folke, ſeruants & all,
ſhould make all together, good cheere in thy hall,
And fill out the blackboole, of bleith to their ſong:
and let them be merry all haruest time long.

Once

22 Once ended thy harneſt, let none be begyld,
pleaſe ſuch as did helpe thee, man, woma, & chyld.
Thus doing, with al way, ſuch helpe as they can:
thou winneſt the prayſe, of the laboring man.

23 Now loke vp to Godward, let tong neuer ceaſe
in thanking of him, for his mighty encreaſe.
Accept my good will, for a proſe go and trie:
the better thou thriueſt, the gladder am I.

A briefe concluſion where you may ſee,
Each word in the verſe to begin with a T.

Chap. 44.

THe thriftie, that teacheth the thriuing to thriue,
Teach timely to trauerſe, the thing that thou triue. Triue for contriue.
Tranſferring thy toyling, to timelines tought,
This teacheth thee temperance, to temper thy thought,
Take truſtie (to truſt to) that thinkeſt to thee, Thee for thriue.
That truſtely thriftines, trowleth to thee.
Then temper thy trauaile, to tary the tyde,
This teacheth thee thriftines, twenty times tryde,
Take thankfull thy talent, thanke thankfully thoſe,
That thriftely teacheth, thy time to tranſpoſe.
Troth, twiſe to thee teached, teach twenty times ten,
This trade thou that takeſt, take thrift to thee then.

Thomas Tuſſer.

¶ Mans age deuided, here ye haue,
By prentiships, from birth to his graue.

Chap. 45.

7 *The firſt vij. yeres, bring vp as a child.*
14 *The next, to learning, for wexing too wild.*
21 *The next, kepe vnder ſir hobber de hoye.*
28 *The next, a man, no longer a boye.*
35 *The next, let luſty, lay wiſely to wiue,*
42 *The next, lay now or els neuer to thriue.*
49 *The next, make ſure for terme of thy life.*
56 *The next. ſaue ſomwhat for children and wife.*
63 *The next. be ſtaied giue ouer thy luſt.*
70 *The next, thinke howerly whyther thou muſt.*
77 *The next get chayer & crotchis to ſtay.*
84 *The next to heauen, God ſend thee the way.*

VVho looſeth their youth,
Shall rue it in age.
VVho hateth the trueth,
In ſorrowe ſhall rage.

An other

An other diuiſion of the nature of mans age.

Chap.46.

The Ape, the Lyon, the Fox, the Aſſe:
Thus ſets forth man, as in a glaſſe.

Ape, *Like Apes we be toying, till twentie and one.*
Lyon, *Then haſtie as Lions, till fortie be gone.*
Fox, *Thē wily as Foxis, till threſchore and three:*
Aſſe, *Then after, for Aſſes accompted we be.*

VVho plaies with his better, this leſſon muſt know
what humblenes, Fox to the Lyon doth owe.
For Ape with his toying, and rudenes of Aſſe:
Brings (out of good hower) diſpleaſure to paſſe.

Comparing good huſbād with vnthrift his brother
The better deſerneth the tone from the tother.

Chap.47.

ILL huſbandrie braggeth,
To go with the beſt.
Good huſbandrie baggeth:
Up gold in his cheſt.

Ill huſbandrie trudgeth,
with vnthrifts about.

Good husbandry snudgeth,
for feare of a dout.

3 Ill husbandry spendeth
abrode like a mone,
Good husbandrie tendeth,
his chargis at home.

4 Ill husbandry selleth,
his corne on the ground,
Good husbandry smelleth
no gaine that way found.

5 Ill husbandrie loseth,
For lack of good fence,
Good husbandry closeth,
and gayneth the pence.

6 Ill husbandrie trusteth,
To him and to hur,
Good husbandrie lusteth
him selfe for to stur.

7 Ill husbandrie eateth
him selfe out a doore,
Good husbandry meateth,
him selfe and the poore.

8 Ill husbandry dayeth
or letteth it lie,
Good husbandry payeth
the cheaper to buie.

9 Ill huſbandry lurketh,
and ſtealeth a ſleepe,
Good huſbandry worketh,
his houſhold to kepe.

10 Ill huſbandry liueth
by that and by this,
Good huſbandry giueth,
to ery man his.

11 Ill huſbandrie taketh,
and ſpendeth vp all,
Good huſbandry maketh
good ſhift with a ſmall.

12 Ill huſbandry prayeth
his wife to make ſhift,
Good huſbandry ſayeth
take this of my gift.

13 Ill huſbandrie drowſeth
at fortune ſo auke,
Good huſbandrie rouſeth
him ſelfe, as a hauke.

14 Ill huſbandrie lyeth
in priſon for det,
Good huſbandry ſpieth
where profite to get.

15 Ill huſbandry wayes
Hath, to fraude what he can

Good

God huſbandrie, praiſe
hath of euery man.

19 Ill huſbandrie neuer
hath wealth to kepe touch:
Good huſbandrie euer,
hath penie in pouch.

Good husband his boone
Or requeſt hath a farr:
Ill huſband, as ſoone
hath a tode with an R.

A Compariſon betweene Champion & Seuerall.
Chap. 48.

THe countrey encloſed I prayſe,
the tother deliteth not me,
For nothing the wealth it doth raiſe,
to ſuch as inferior be.
Becauſe of them both I do know:
I mind therof ſomewhat to ſhow.

2 There, ſwineheard that kepeth the hog
there, neatheard with curre and his horne,
There, ſhepeheard with whiſtle and dog
befence, to the meadowe and corne.
There, horſe being tayed on a balke,
is readie with theeſe for to walke.

3 Where all thing in common doth reſt,
Corne field with the paſture and meade:

Though

Though common ye do vse the best,
yet what doth it stand ye in steade.
There commune as communers do vse,
as good else to robble a shoo.

4 What layer much better then there,
or cheaper (theron to do well)
What drudgery more any where,
lesse good thereof, where can ye tell:
what gotten by Summer is seene:
that winter, there eateth vp cleene.

5 Example by Leycester shire,
what soile can be better then that,
For any thing hart can desire,
and yet doth it want ye see what.
Mast, couert, close pasture, and wood:
and other thinges needefull as good.

6 All these doth enclosure bring,
experience teacheth no lesse,
I speake not to boast of the thing,
but onely a troth to confesse.
Example (if doubt ye do make)
by Suffolk and Essex go take.

7 More plentie of Mutton & biefe,
corne, butter, and cheese of the best,
More wealth any where (to be briefe)
more people, more handsome & prest.
where finde ye: (go searche any coste)
than there, where enclosure is moste.

8 More work, for the laboring man,
as well in the town as the field.
Or therof (deuise if ye can)
more profit, what countreis do yeeld.
More seldome, where see ye the poore
go begging from doore vnto doore.

9 In Norfolke, behold the dispaire,
of tillage, to much to bee borne,
By droeuers from faier to faire,
and others destroying the corne.
By custome & couetous pates:
by gapps & by opening of gates.

10 What speake I of commoners bye,
with drawing all after a lyne,
So noying the corne, as it lye,
with cattle, with sheepe & with swine.
when all is bestowed the cost:
looke halfe of the same to be lost.

11 The flocks, of the lordes of the soyle,
do yerely the winter corne wrong,
The same in a manner they spoyle,
with feeding so lowe and so long.
And therefore, that champion field:
doth seldome good winter corne yeld.

12 More profit is quieter found,
(where pastures in seuerall bee)
Of one hilly acre of ground,
Then Champion maketh of three.

Againe

Againe what a ioy is it knowen:
when men may be bold of their owne.

13 The tone, is commended for graine,
yet bread made of beanes they do eate,
The tother, for one loafe haue twaine
of mastlin, of rye, or of wheate.
The Champion liueth full bare:
when woodland full merie doth fare.

14 Tone, geueth his corne in a darth,
to horse, sheepe, & hog ery day,
The tother, geue cattel warme barth,
and feede them with straw & with hay.
Corne spent of the tone, so in vaine:
the tother, doth sell to his gaine.

15 Tone, barefoote & ragged doth go,
and ready in winter to sterue,
when tother, ye see do not so,
but hath that is needfull to serue.
Tone, paine in a cottage doth take:
when tother, trim bowers do make.

16 Tone, layeth for turfe & for sedge,
and hath it with wonderfull suite,
when tother, in euery hedge,
hath plentie of fewell and fruite.
Euils twēty times worser then theasse
enclosure full quickly would ease.

17 In woodland the poore men ỹ haue
scarce fully two acres of land,

More merily liue, and do saue,
than tother, with twenty in hand.
Yet pay they as much for the two,
as thother for twenty must do.

18 The labozer comming from thence,
in woodland to woozke any where,
(I warant you) goeth not hence,
to wozke any mozе againe there.
If this same be true (as it is)
why gather they nothing of this?

19 The poozе, at enclosing do grutch
because of abuses that fall,
Least som should haue but to much,
and some againe nothing at all.
If order mought there in be found:
what were to the seuerall grounde?

Thus endeth Husbandrie.
Here followith huswifrie.

To beard thy foe shewes little wyt,
but helps the matter nere a whyt.

My sonne, it were not worste
to frame thy nature so:
That as thine vse is to thy frende
likewise to greete thy foe.
Though not for hope of good,
yet for the feare of euill:
Thou maist finde ease, so offring vp
a candell to the deuill.

This knowne, the surest waye,
thyne enmies wrath to swage,
If thou canst curry fauour thus,
thou shalt bee counted sage.
Of truth I tell no lye,
by proffe too well I knowe:
The stubborne want, of only this,
hath brought full many lowe.

And yet to speake the trouth,
the Diuell is worse then naught:
That no good tourne, will once deserue,
yet looketh vp so haught.
Exalt him how we please,
and giue him what we can:
Yet skarsely shall we finde the deuill
a trustie honest man.

But where the mightie may
of force the weake constrayne:

It ſhall bee wyſely doone to bowe,
to voyd a further payne.
Lyke as in tempeſt great,
where winde dooth beare the ſtroke:
Much ſafer ſtands the bowing reede,
then dooth the ſtubborne oke.

And chiefely when of all,
thy ſelfe arte one of thoſe:
That fortune nedes, will haue to dwell,
faſte by the diuels noſe.
Then (though againſt thyne hart)
thy tongue thou muſt ſo charme:
That tongue may ſay, where ere thou come,
the deuill dooth no man harme.

For where as no reuenge
may ſtand a man in ſteede:
As good is then an humble ſpeeche,
as otherwiſe to bleede.
Lyke as yee ſee by him,
that hath a ſhrewe to wyfe:
As good it is to ſpeake her fayre,
as ſtill to liue in ſtryfe.

Put thou no deuill in boote,
as once did maiſter Shorne:
Take heed as from, madde bayted bull,
to keepe thee from his horne.
And where ye ſee the deuill,
ſo bold to wreſt with law:
Make congé oft, and crouch a looſe,
but come not in his clawe.

The ſcholer footh of ſchoole,
may boldlier talke his mind:
The fields haue eyes, the bushes eares,
falſe byrds can fetch the wind.
The further from the gonne,
the ſafer may ye ſkippe:
The neerer to the carters hand,
the neerer to the whyppe.

The neerer to the whyppe,
the ſooner commes the ierke:
The ſooner that, poore beaſt is ſtruck,
the ſooner dooth he yerke.
Some loueth for to whyppe,
to ſee how ierkes will ſmart:
In wofull taking is that horſe,
that needes muſt draw in cart.

Such fellow is the deuill,
that dooth euen what he lyſt:
Yet thinketh he what ere he dooth,
none ought dare ſay, but whyſt.
Take therfore heed my ſonne,
and marke full well this ſong:
Learne thus with craft to claw the diuill,
elſe liue in reſt not long.

FINIS.

A Sonet againſt a ſlaunderous tongue.

DOth darnell good, among the flowry wheat?
Do thiſtles good, ſo thick in fallow ſpied?

Doo

Doo taynte wormes good, that lurke
wher oxe should eate:
Or sucking dranes, in hyue where bees abyde.
Do hornets good, or these same byting gnats
Foule swelling toads, what good by thē is sene:
In house well deckt, what good doth gnawing
rats:
Or casting molles, among the medowes greene:
Doth heauie newes, make glad the hart of mā:
Or noisome smelles, what good doth ỹ to helth:
Now once for all, what good (shew who so can)
Do stinking snakes, to this our cōmon welth:
No more doth good, a peuish slaundrous tong,
But hurts it self, and noyes both old and yong.

A Sonet of the Authors first vii.
yeares seruice.

SEuen times hath Janus, tane new yere by hād
Vij. times hath blustring March, blown forth
his power:
To dryue out Aprils buddes, by sea and land,
For minio May, to deck most trim with flower,
Vii. times hath tēperat Ver, like pageant played
And pleasant Aestas, che her flowers tolde:
Vij. times Autumnes heat, hath bene delayed,
With hiems boystrous blastes, and bitter cold,
Vij. times ỹ thirtene moones, haue chāged hew,
Vij. times the sonne, his course hath gone about
Vij. times eche bird hir nest hath buylt a newe:
Since first time you to serue, I chosed out:
Still yours am I, though thus the time hath past,
And trust to be, so long as lyfe shall last.

Finis (quod) Tusser.

Man, mynded for to thryue,
muſt wyſely lay to wyue,
what hap may thereby fall:
here argued finde ye ſhall.

The Dialogue betweene two batchelers, of wyuing and thryuing, by Affirmation and Obiection.

Affirmation.

FRend, where we met this other day,
We heard one make his mone and ſay,
Good Lord, how might I thriue:
We heard an other anſwere hym,
Then make thee handſome, trick and trym:
and lay in time to wiue.

Obiection.

And what of that, ſay you to me,
Do you your ſelfe thinke that to be:
The beſt way for to thryue:
If trouth were truely bulted out,
As touching thrift, I ſtand in doubt,
If men were beſt to wiue.

Affirmation.

There is no doubt, for proue I can,
I haue but ſeldome ſeene that man,
Which could the way to thryue:
Untill it was his happy lot,
To ſtay himſelf in ſome good plot:
and wiſely then to wiue.

Obiection.

And I am of an other mind,
For by no reason can I find,
How that way I should thriue:
For where as now I spend a penny,
I should not then be quit with menny,
Through bondage for to wiue.

Affirmation.

Not so, for now where thou doest spend
Of this and that, to no good end,
which hindreth thee to thriue:
Such vaine expenses thou shouldst saue,
and daily then lay more to haue,
as others do that wiue.

Obiection.

Why then do folke, this prouerbe put,
the blacke oxe neare troade on thy foot,
If that way were to thriue:
Here out a man may soone pike footh,
Fewe feeleth what a penny is wooth
Till such time as they wiue.

Affirmation.

It may so chaunce as thou doest say,
This lesson therefore beare away,
If thereby thou wilt thriue:
Looke ere thou leape, see ere thou go,
It may be for thy profit so,
For thee to lay to wiue.

Obiection.

It is to much we daily heare,
To wiue and thriue both in a yeare,
As touching now to thriue:
I know not herein what to spie,
But that there doth small profit lye,
to fansie for to wiue.

Affirmation.

In deed the first yere oft is such,
That fondly some bestoweth much,
All let to them to thriue:
Yet other moe, may soone be found,
which getteth many a faire pound,
The same day that they wiue.

Obiection.

I graunt, some getteth more that day
Then they can easely beare away,
Now needs then must they thriue:
what gaineth such thinke you by that.
A little burden you wote what,
through fondnes for to wiue.

Affirmation.

Thou seemest blind, as moe haue been
It is not beautie bringeth in,
The thing to make thee thriue:
In womankind, see that ye doo
Require of her, no gift but two,
when ere ye mind to wiue.

Obiection.

But twoo say you: I pray you than,
Shewe those as briefely as you can,
if that may helpe to thriue:
I weene we must conclude anon,
Of those same twayne, to want the ton,
when ere we chance to wiue.

Affirmation.

Honestie & huswifrie. An honest hus wife, trust to mee,
be those same twayne I say to thee,
That helpe so much to thriue:
As honestie farre passeth gold,
so hus wiferie in yong and old,
do pleasure such as wiue.

Obiection.

The honestie in deed I graunt,
Is one good point a wife should haunt,
To make hir hus band thriue:
But now, faine would I haue you show,
How should a man good hus wife know
If once he hap to wiue.

Affirmation.

A hus wife good betimes will rise,
And order things in comely wise,
her mind is set to thriue:
Upon hir distaffe shee will spin,
And with hir needle she will win,
if such ye hap to wiue.

Obie-

Obiection.

It is not idle going about,
nor all day pricking on a clout,
Can make a man to thriue:
If else there be none other winning,
but that the wife gets by her spinning,
small thrift it is to wiue.

Affirmation.

Some more then this, yet do they shall,
Although thy stock be verie small,
yet will she help thee thryue:
Lay you to saue as well as shee,
and then you shall enriched bee,
when such you hap to wiue.

Obiection.

If thee were mine, I tell thee trouth,
To much to trouble her I were loth,
For greedines to thriue:
Least some should talke, as is the speech,
The good wiues husband weares no breech,
If such I hap to wiue.

Affirmation.

What hurts it thee, what some do say,
If honestly she take the way,
To help thee for to thriue:
For honestie will make her prest,
To do the thing that shall be best,
If such ye hap to wiue.

Obiection.

Why dyd Diogenes say than,
To one that askt of him time whan,
were best to wiue to thriue:
Not yet (quod he) if thou be yong,
If thou were old, then hold thy tong,
It is to late to wiue.

Affirmation.

Belike he knew, some shreawish wife,
which with her husband made such strife,
that hindred him to thriue:
who then may blame him for that clause,
Though then he spake, as some had cause:
as touching for to wiue.

Obiection.

Why then I see, to take a shreaw,
(as seldome other there be feaw)
Is not the way to thriue:
So hard a thing I spie it is,
The good to chuse, the shreaw to misse,
that feareth me to wiue.

Affirmation.

Shee may in some thing seeme a shreaw,
Yet such a huswife as but feaw,
to helpe thee for to thriue:
This prouerbe, looke in mind ye keepe,
As good a shreaw is, as a sheepe,
for you to take to wiue.

Obie-

Obiection.

Now be the laimbe or be thee eaw,
Giue me the sheepe, take thou the shreaw,
See which of vs shall thriue:
If she be shreawish think for trouth
For all her thrift, I would be loth,
to match with such to wiue.

Affirmation.

Tush she, farewell then I leaue you of,
Such fooles as you, that loue to scof,
Shall seldome wiue to thriue:
Contrarie her as you do mee,
And then ye shall I warrant ye,
repent ye, if ye wiue.

Obiection.

Friend, let vs both giue iustly place,
To wedded man to iudge this case,
which best way is to thriue:
For both our talke, as seemeth plaine,
Is but as hapneth in our braine,
To will or not to wiue.

¶ VVedded mans iudgement, vppon the former argument.

AS Cock, that wants his mate,
goes rouing all about,
with crowing earely and late,
to find his louer out:

Moderator.

And

And as poore seely hen
Long wanting Cock to guide,
soone droopes, and shortly then
beginnes to peake a side:
euen so it is with man and wife,
(where gouernment is sound)
the want of ton, the tothers life
doth shortly soone confound.

IN iest and in earnest, here argued ye find,
that husband with huswife, in wedlock must dwell,
And therto the iudgement of weddid mans mynd,
that husbandry otherwise speeded not well.
So, somewhat more now, I intend for to tell,
of huswifrie, like as of husbandrie told:
how huswyfly huswife, helps bring in the gold.

FINIS.

The points of Huſwifrie, vnited to the comfort of huſbandrie, newly corrected and amplified with diuers good leſſons for houſholders to recreat the reader, as by the table at the end hereof more plainely may appere.

Set forth by Thomas Tuſſer Gentleman, 1573.

To the Right honorable and my eſpeciall good Lady and Miſtrelle the Lady Paget.

THough danger be mickle
and fauour ſo fickle,
Yet dutie doth tickle,
my fantſie to wright:
Concerning how prettie,
how fine and how nettie,
Good huſwife ſhould pettie
from morning to night.

2 Not minded by wrighting,
to kindle a ſpighting,
But ſhew by endighting,
as afterward told,
How huſbandry eaſeth,
ſo huſwifrie pleaſeth,
and many purſe greaſeth,
with ſiluer and gold.

3 For huſbandry wæpeth,
where huſwifry ſlæpeth,
and hardly he creæpeth,
vp ladder to thrift:
That wanteth to bold him,
thrifts ladder to holdhim,
before it be told him,
he falles without ſhift.

4 Least many should feareme,
and others forswearеme,
of troth I do beareme,
vpright as ye se:
full minded to loue all,
and not to reprone all,
but onely to moue all,
God huswifes to be.

5 For if I should mindsome,
or deskant behindsome,
and missing to findsome,
displease so I mought:
or if I should blendthem,
and so to offendthem,
what stir I should sendthem,
I stand in a dout.

6 Though harmles I makeit,
and some do wel takeit,
if others forsakeit,
what pleasure were that?
naught else but to paineme,
and nothing to gaineme,
but make them disdaineme,
I wot ner for what.

7 Least some make a triall,
as clock by the diall,
some stand to deniall,
some murmure and grudge:
geue iudgment I prayyou,
for iustly so mayyou,
so fansy, so sayyou,
I make you my iudge.

8 In time, ye shall try me,
by trouth, ye shall spy me,
so finde, so set by me,
according to skill:
how euer træ groweth,
the fruit, the træ showeth,
your Ladiship knoweth,
my hart and good will.

9 Though fortune doth measure
and I do lack treasure,
yet if I may pleasure,
your honour with this:
then will me to mend it,
or mend ere ye send it,
or any where lend it,
if ought be amisse.

Your Ladiships seruant
Thomas Tusser.

The Preface to the booke of Huſwifrie.

TAke weapon away, of what force is a man?
take huſwife frō huſband, & what is he than?

2 As louers deſireth, together to dwell,
ſo huſbandry loueth, good huſwifry well.

3 Though huſbandry ſemeth, to bring in ye gains
yet huſwifry labours, ſeeme equall in paines.

4 Some reſpit to huſbāds, the wether may ſend,
but huſwiues affaires, haue neuer an end.

As true as thy fayth,
Thus Huſwifrie ſayth.

I Serue for a day, for a weeke, for a yeare,
for life time, for euer, while man dwelleth here. The praiſe of huſwifry
For richer, for poorer, from North to the South,
for honeſt, for hardhed, or daintie of mouth.
For wed, and vnwedded, in ſicknes and health,
for all that wel liueth, in good common wealth.
For Citie, for countrey, for Court and for cart,
to quiet the head, and to comfort the hart.

A deſcription of huſwife
and Huſwiferie.

OF huſwife, doth huſwiferie challenge ỹ name.
of Huſwifrie, huſwife doth likewiſe the ſame.
Where huſbād & huſbandrie ioyneth with theaſe
there welthines gotten, is holden with eaſe.

The name of a huſwife, what is it to ſay:
the wife of the houſe, to the huſband a ſtay.
If huſwife doth that, as belongeth to hir:
if huſband be wittie, there needeth no ſtir.

The huſwife is the, that to labour doth fall,
the labour of hir, I do huſwiferie call.
If thrift by that labour, be ſaued or got:
then is it good huſwiferie, els is it not.

The woman, the name of a huſwife doth win,
by keping hir houſe, and of doings therin.
And the that with huſband, will quietly dwell:
muſt thinke on this leſſon, and follow it well.

FINIS.

¶Serue God is the furſt,
True loue is not wurſt.

A Dayly good leſſon, of huſwife in deede,
is God to remember, the better to ſpeede.

2 An other good leſſon, of huſwiferie thought,
is huſwife with huſband, to liue as ſhe ought.

¶VVife comely no griefe,
Man out, huſwife chiefe.

3 Though trickſy to ſee to, be gallant to wiue,
yet comely and wiſe, is the huſwife to thriue.

4 When huſband is abſent, let huſwife be chiefe
and looke to their labour that eateth hir biefe.

¶Both out, not alow,
Kepe houſe huſwife thou.

5 Where huſband & huſwife, be both out of place
there ſeruants do loyter, and reaſon their caſe.

9 The huſwife ſo named (of keping the houſe)
muſt tend on her profit, as cat on the mouſe.

¶Seeke home for reſt,
For home is beſt.

7 As huſwiues keepe home, & be ſtirrers about
ſo ſpeedeth their winnings, & yete thorough out

8 Though home be but homly, yet huſwif is taught
that home hath no fellow, to ſuch as haue aught.

¶ Vſe all with ſkill,
aſke what ye will.

9 Good vſage with knowledge, & quiet with all,
Makes huſwife to ſhine, as the ſun on the wall.

10 What huſband refuſeth, all comely to haue,
that hath a good huſwife, all willing to ſaue.

¶ Be readie at neede,
all thine to feede.

11 The caſe of good huſwiues, thus dayly doth ſtād,
what euer ſhal chaūce, to be ready at hand.

12 This care hath a huſwife all day in hir head,
that all thing in ſeaſon be huſwifely fed.

¶ By practiſe go muſe,
How howſhold to vſe.

13 Dame practiſe is ſhe, that to huſwife muſt tell,
which way for to gouerne, her family well.

14 Vſe labourers gently, keepe this as a lawe,
make childe to be ciuill, keepe ſeruant in awe.

¶ Who careleſſe do leiue,
occaſion do geiue.

15 Haue euery where, a reſpect to thy wayes,
that none of thy life any ſlaunder may rayſe.

16 What many do know, though a time it be hid,
at length will abrode, when a miſchiefe ſhall bid.

¶ No neighbour reproue,
do ſo to haue loue.

17 the loue of thy neighbour, shal stād thee in stede
the poorer, the gladder, to helpe at a nede.

18 Use fredly thy neighbour, else trust him in this
as he hath thy frendship, so trust vnto his.

¶ Strike nothing vnknowne,
take heede to thine owne.

19 Reuenge not thy wrath vpon any mans beast,
least thine by like malice, be bid to like feast.

20 What husband prouideth, w̄ mony his drudge
ỹ huswife must loke to, which way it doth trudge

A digreſsion.

NOw out of the matter, this lesson I ad,
cōcerning cock crowing, what profit is had
experience teacheth, as true as a clock:
how winter night passeth, by marking the cock.

Cock croweth at midnight, tiines few aboue six,
with pause to his neighbour, to answere betwix,
at three a clock thicker, and then as ye know:
like all in to Mattens, nere day they do crow.

At midnight, at three, and an hower ere day,
they vtter their language, as well as they may:
which who so regardeth, what counsel they giue,
wil better loue crowing, as long as they liue.

For being frayd,
Take heede good mayd:
Marke crowing of cock,
For feare of a knock.

Cocke crowing.

¶ The first cocke croweth.

At mid-night. **Howe, dame it is midnight what rübling is that**

The next cock ſhoweth.

Take hede to falſe harlots, & more ye wot what.

If noyſe ye do heare,
loke all things be cleare.
Leaſt drabbs do noy thee,
and theues deſtroy thee.

At iij. a clocke. ¶ The first cock croweth.

Maydes three a clock, kned, lay your bucks, or go brew,

The next cocke ſhoweth.

And cobble & botch ye, that cannot buy new.

Both mayden and man,
Mend now what ye can,
Leaue gibber gabber,
mend ſlibber ſlabber.

At the breake of day. ¶ The first cock croweth,

Paſt fiue a clocke, holla: mayd ſleeping beware,

The next cock ſhoweth.

Leaſt quickly your miſtreſſe vncouer your bare,

Mayd vp I beſech you,
Leaſt miſtreſſe do breech you.
To worke and away,
As faſt as ye may.

Now

Now liſten good huſwiues, what huſwifrie here,
Set out for a day, as it ſhould for a yere.

¶ No ſoner ſome vp,
But noſe is in cup.

GEt vp in the mozning, as ſone as thou wilt,
with ouer long ſlugging, good ſernãt is ſpilt.

2 Some ſlouens from ſleeping, no ſooner be vp,
But hand is in aumbzie, and noſe in the cup.

¶ That earely is donne,
Count huſwifely wonne.

3 Som wozks in ỹ mozning, may trimly be don that all the day after, can hardly be wonne. Mozning wozks

4 Good huſband without, is it nedeful there be:
good huſwife within, is as nedefull as he.

Caſt duſt into yard,
and ſpin and go card.

5 Sluts cozners auoyded, ſhal further thy helth,
much time about trifles, ſhall hinder thy welth.

6 Set ſome to pele hemp, oz els reſhis to twine
to ſpin and to card, oz to ſeething of bzine.

Grind malt for to drinke,
ſee meat do not ſtinke,

7 Set ſome about cattle, ſome paſture to bewe,
Some, malt to be grineding, againſt ye do bzew.

8 ſom, cozneth, ſom bzineth, ſom wil not be taught
where meat is atainted, ther cookery is naught.

To breakefaſt that come,
Giue ery one ſome.

Breakfaſt. 9 Call ſeruants to breakfaſt, by day ſtar appere,
a ſnatch & to worke fellowes, tarry not here.

10 Let huſwife be caruer, ſee pottage be heate,
a meſſe to each one, with a morſell of meate.

No more tittle tattle,
Go ſerue your cattle.

11 What tack in a pudding, ſaies gredy gut wriger
Giue ſuch ye wot what, er a pudding he finger.

12 Let ſeruant once ſerued, thy cattle go ſerue,
leaſt often il ſeruing, make cattle to ſterue.

Learne you that will thee,
How deyntie ſome bee.

13 No breakfaſt of cuſtome, prouide for to ſaue,
but onely for ſuch, as deſerueth to haue.

14 No ſhewing to ſeruant, what vitailes in ſtore
ſhew ſeruant his labour, & ſhew him no more.

Of hauock beware,
Cat nothing will ſpare.

15 Where al thing is cõmon, what nedeth a hutch
where wanteth a ſauer, there hauock is much.

16 Where windowe is open, cat maketh a fray,
yet wilde cat with two legs, is wurſe by my fay.

Loke

Looke well vnto thine,
Slut ſlouthfull, muſt whine.

17 An eye in a corner who bleth to haue,
reuealeth a drab, and preuenteth a knaue.

18 Make mayd to be clenly, or make hir cry creake
and teach hir to ſtir, when hir miſtris doth ſpeak.

Let holly wand threate,
Let fyſgig be beate.

19 A wand in thy hand, though ye fight not all.
make youth to their buſineſſe, better to fall.

20 For feare of foole had I wiſt, cauſe the to wayl
Let fyſgig be taught, to ſhut doore after tayle.

To eaſy the wicket,
VVill ſtill appeaſe clicket.

21 With hir that will clicket, make danger to cope
leaſt quickly hir wicket ſeeme eaſy to ope.

22 As rod little mendeth, where maners be ſpilt
ſo naught will be naught, ſay & do what ỹ wilt.

Fight ſeldome ye ſhall,
But vſe not to brall.

23 Much brauling wt ſeruãt, what mã can abide,
pay home whẽ thou fighteſt, but loue not to chide

24 As order is heauenly, where quiet is had,
ſo error is hell, or a miſchiefe as bad.

¶VVhat better a lawe,
Then ſubiect in awe.

25 Such awe as a warning, will cauſe to beware
doth make the whole houſhold, the better to fare

26 The leſſe of thy counſel, thy ſeruants do know
their dutie the better, ſuch ſeruants ſhal ſhow.

¶Good muſicke regard,
Good ſeruant reward.

27 Such ſeruants are oftenest, painfull & good,
that ſing in their labour, as birds in the wood.

28 Good ſeruãts hope iuſtly, ſom frēdſhip to feele
& loke to haue fauour, what time they do weele.

¶By once or twiſe,
Tis good to be wiſe.

29 Take runnagate Robin, to pitie his neede,
and looke to be filched, as true as thy Creede.

30 Take warnig by once, that a wurſe do not hap
foꝛeſight is the ſtopper of many a gap.

¶Some change for a ſhift,
Oft change, ſmall thrift.

31 Make few of thy counſel, to change foꝛ ẏ beſt,
leaſt one that is trudging, infecteth the reſt.

32 The ſtone that is rooling, cã gather no Moſſe,
foꝛ maſter & ſeruant, oft chaunging is loſſe.

¶Both

Both liberall ſticketh,
Some, prouender pricketh.

33 One Dog for a Hog, & one Cat for a Mouſe,
one readie to giue, is ynough in a houſe.

34 One gift ill accepted, kepe next in thy purſe,
whom prouender pricketh, are often the wurſe.

Brew ſomewhat for thine,
Els kepe no ſwine.

35 Where brewing is needful, be brewer thy ſelfe Brewing.
what filleth the rooke, will helpe furniſh the ſhelfe.

36 In buying of drinke, by the firkin or pot,
ſcore quickly ariſeth, hog profiteth not.

VVell brewed, worth coſt,
Ill vſed, halfe loſt.

37 One buſhel wel brewed, outlaſteth ſom twaine
two troubles for nothing, is coſt to no gaine.

38 Too new is no profite, too ſtale is as bad,
drinke dead or els ſower, makes labourer ſad.

Remember good Gyll,
Take paine with thy ſwyll.

39 Seeth grains in more water, while graines be
& ſtir thē in copper, as porredge in pot. (yet hot

40 ſuch heating w̄ ſtraw, to haue offal good ſtore Sething of graines,
both pleaſeth & eaſeth, what would ye haue more.

New bread is a dreuill,
Much cruſt is as euill,

Baking. 41 New bread is a waſter, but mouldy is wurſe,
what dog catcheth that way, that loſeth ỹ purſe.

42 much dowbake I praiſe not, much cruſt is as
the meane is the huſwife, ſay nay if ye will. (il,

Good cookery craueth,
Good turne broche ſaueth,

Cookery. 43 Good cooke to dreſſe dinner, to bake & to brew
deſerues a reward, being honeſt and true.

44 Good diligent turne broche, & truſty with all,
is ſometime as nedefull, as ſome in the hall.

Good dayrie, doth pleaſure,
Ill dayrie, ſpends treaſure.

Dayry. 45 Good huſwife in dayry, that nedes not be told
deſerueth hir fee, to be payd hir in gold.

46 Ill ſeruant neglecting, what huſwiferie ſayes
deſerueth hir fee, to be payd hir in bayes.

Though droy be worth much,
Marke ſluttes and ſuch.

47 Good droy to ſerue hog, to help waſh & to milk
more nedefull is truly, then ſome in their ſilk.

48 Though homely be miller, let clenly be cooke,
for ſlut & a ſlouen, be knowen by their looke.

In

In dayrie no cat,
Lay bane for a rat.

49 thogh cat (a good mouſer) doth wel in a houſe,
yet euer in dairy, haue trap for a mouſe.

50 Take hede how thou laieſt, the bane for ỹ rats
for poyſoning ſeruant, thy ſelfe & thy brats.

No ſcouring for pride,
Spare kettle whole ſyde.

51 though ſcourig be nedeful, yet ſcourig to much Scouring.
is pride without profite, & rubbeth thine huch.

52 Kepe kettles frō knocks, & ſet tubs out of ſūne
for mending is coſtly, & crackt is ſoone dunne.

Take hede when ye waſh,
Elſe runne in the laſh.

53 Mayds waſh wel & wrig wel, but beat ỹe woſ Waſhing.
if any lack beating, I feare it be you. (how,

54 In waſhing by hand, haue an eye to thy boll,
for Launders & Millers, be quick of their toll.

Drie ſunne and drie wind,
Safe bind or ſafe find.

55 Go waſh wel ſaith cōmer, w Sun I ſhal dry,
go wring wel ſaith winter, with wind ſo ſhall I.

56 To truſt without hede, is to venter a ioynt,
geue tale & take count, is a Huſwifely poynt.

VVhere

VVhere many be packing,
are many things lacking.

37 whē hēns fal a cackling, take hede to their neſt
whē drabbes fal a whiſpring, take hede to ỹ reſt.
(lacking,

38 Through nerligent huſwiues, are many thigs
& Gyllet ſuſpected, wil quickly be packing.

Ill malting is theft,
wood dried hath a weft.

Malting. 59 Houſe may be ſo handſome, & ſkilfulneſſe ſuch,
to make thy owne malt, it ſhal profite thee much.

60 ſome drieth with ſtraw, & ſome drieth wᵗ wood
wood aſketh more charge, & yet nothing ſo good

Take hede to the kell,
Sing out as a bell.

61 Be ſure no chances, to fier can drawe,
the wood or the furzen, the brake or the ſtrawe.

62 Let gyllet be ſinging, it doth very well,
to kepe hir fro ſleping & burning the kell.

Beſt dride, beſt ſpedes
ill kept, bowd bredes.

63 Malt being well ſpeered, the more it will caſt,
malt being well dryed, the longer will laſt.

64 Long kept in ill ſoller, (vndouted thou ſhalt,)
throgh bowds wout nũber, loſe quickly thy malt

For

For hunger or thirſt,
dreſſe cattell well firſt.

65 By Noone ſee your dinner be ready and neat,
let meat tarry ſeruant, not ſeruant his meat.

66 Plough cattle a baiting, cal ſeruant to dinner:
the thicker, ſo much be the charges the thinner.

Togither is beſt,
for hoſtis and geſt.

67 Dew ſeaſon is beſt, altogither is gay,
diſpatch hath no fellow, make ſhort and away.

68 Beware of Gill laggoſe, diſordring thy houſe,
moe dainties who catcheth, than craftie fed mouſe.

Let ſuch haue inough,
that follow the plough.

69 Geue ſeruaunt no dainties, but giue him inough
to many chappes walking, do begger the plough.

70 Poore ſeggons half ſterued, worke faintly & dull,
and lubbers doo loyter their bellies to full.

Geue neuer to much,
to lazie and ſuch.

71 Feede lazie, that threſheth a flap & a tap,
like ſlouthfull, that all day be ſtopping a gap.

72 Some litherly lubber, more eateth then two,
yet leaueth vndone, that a ſtraunger will doe.

VVhere nothing will laſt,
ſpare ſuch as thou haſt.

33 Some cutteth thy linnē, ſome ſpilleth their broth
bare table to ſome, doth as well as a cloth.

74 Treene diſhes be homely, and yet not to lack,
where ſtone is no laſter, take tankard and iack.

Knap boy on the thumbs,
and ſaue him his crumbs.

75 That pewter is neuer for manerly feaſt,
that dayly doth ſerue an vnmanerly beaſt.

76 Som gnaweth & leaueth, ſom cruſts & ſom crūbs
eat ſuch ther own leuings or gnaw their own thūbs

Serue God euer furſt,
take nothing at wurſt.

77 At Dinner, at Supper, at morning, at night,
giue thanks vnto God for his gifts in thy ſight.

78 Good huſband & huſwife will ſometime alone,
make ſhift with a morſell, and pycke of a bone.

Enough thou art told,
to much will not hold.

79 Three diſhes well dreſſed, and welcome withall,
both pleaſeth thy friend, & becometh thine hall.

80 Enough is a plenty, to much is a pryde,
the plough with ill holding, goes quickly aſyde.

Make

Make company breake,
go cherish the weake.

81 When Dinner is ended, ſet ſeruants to woꝛk, And follow ſuch marchants, as loueth to lurke. After none woꝛkes.

82 To ſeruant in ſickneſ ſee nothing ye grutch,
a thing of a trifle ſhall comfoꝛt him mutch.

VVho many doo feede,
ſaue much they had need.

83 Put chippings in dippings, vſe parings to ſaue,
fat Capons oꝛ chickins, that looketh to haue.

84 Saue dꝛippings & ſkimmings, how euer ye doo,
foꝛ medcine, foꝛ cattle, foꝛ cart, and foꝛ ſhoo.

Leane Capon vnmeete,
deare fed is vnſweete.

85 Such oſtoꝛne as commeth giue wine to her fee,
feed willingly ſuch, as do help to feede thee.

86 Though fat fed is daintie, of this I thee warne,
be cunning in fatting, foꝛ robbing thy barne.

Peece hole to defend,
things timely amend.

87 Good ſemeſters be ſowing of fine pꝛety knacks
good huſwiues be mending & peecing their ſacks.

88 Though making & mending be huſwifly wayes,
yet mending in time is the huſwife to pꝛaiſe,

Buy new as is meete,
Marke blanket and sheete.

89 Though Ladies may rend and buy new ery day,
good huſwiues muſt mend, & buy new as they may.

90 Call quarterly ſeruaunts, to court and to leete,
wyte euery Couerlet, Blanket and ſheete.

Shift ſlouenly elfe,
Be gayler thy ſelfe.

91 Though ſhifting to oft, be a thiefe in an houſe,
yet ſhift ſlut and ſlouen, for feare of a louſe.

92 Graunt doubtfull no key of his chamber in purſe,
leaſt chamber dooꝛe lockt, be to thiefery a nurſe.

Saue feathers for geſt,
Theſe other rob cheſt.

93 Saue wing for a threſher, whē Gander doth die,
ſaue feather of all thing, the ſofter to lye:

94 Much ſpice is a thiefe, ſo is candle and fyer.
ſwete ſauſe is as craftie, as euer was fryer.

VVyfe make thy owne candle,
Spare peny to handle.

95 Pꝛouide for thy tallow, ere froſt commeth in,
and make thine owne Candle, ere winter begin.

96 If peny for all thing, be ſuffred to trudge,
truſt long not to peny, to haue him thy dꝛudge.

Time

Time drawing to night,
ſee all thing go right.

97 When hennes go to rooſt, go in hãd to dreſſe meat ſerue hogs and to milking, and ſome to ſerue neat. Euening woorks.

97 Where twaine be inough, be not ſerued with three more knaues in a company, worſer they bee.

Make lacky to trudge,
Make ſeruaunt thy drudge.

99 For euery trifle leaue iaunting thy Nag,
but rather make lacky, of Iack boy thy wag.

100 Make ſeruaunt at night, lug in wood or a log,
let none come in empty, but ſlut and thy dog.

Falſe knaue ready preſt,
All ſafe is the beſt.

101 Where pullein vſe nightly, to pearch in the yard,
there two legged Foxes, keepe watches and ward.

102 See cattle well ſerued, without and within,
and all thing at quiet, ere ſupper begin.

Take heed is needfull,
true pitie is meedfull.

103 No clothes in gardein, no trinkets without.
No doore leaue vnboulted for feare of a doubt.

104 Thou woman whom pitie becommeth the beſt,
graunt all that hath laboured, time to take reſt.

Vſe mirth and good woord,
at bed and at boord.

Supper time.

105 Prouide for thy huſ bād to make him good chere,
make merry together while time ye be here.

106 At bed and at boord, how ſoeuer befall,
what euer God ſendeth, be mery withall.

No brawlings make,
no ielouſie take.

107 No taunts before ſeruāts, for hindring thy fame
no iarring too loud, for auoyding of ſhame.

108 As franſy and herely roueth togither,
So ielouſie leadeth a foole ye wot whether.

Tend ſuch as ye haue,
ſtop talkatiue knaue.

109 Yong children & chickins would euer be eating,
good ſeruants looke duely for gentle entreating.

110 No ſeruant at table vſe ſaully to talke,
leaſt tong ſet at large, out of meaſure do walke.

No ſnatching at all,
Sirs harken now all.

111 No lurching, no ſnatching, no ſtryuing at all,
leaſt one go without, and another haue all.

After ſupper woorks

112 Declare after Supper, take heed thereunto,
what woork in the morning, eche ſeruant ſhall do.

Thy

Thy ſoule hath a clog,
forget not thy dog.

113 Remẽber thoſe children whoſe parents be poore,
which hunger, yet dare not to craue at thy doore.

114 Thy bandog that ſerueth for diuers miſhaps,
forget not to giue him thy bones and thy ſcraps.

Make keyes to be keepers,
to bed ye ſleepers.

115 Where mouthes be many to ſpend that thou haſt,
ſet keyes to be keepers for ſpending to faſt.

116 To bed after ſupper, let drouſie goe ſleepe,
leaſt knaue in the dark, to his marrow do creepe.

Keepe keyes as thy life,
feare candle good wife.

117 Such keyes lay vp ſafe, ere ye take ye to reſt,
of dayry, of buttrye, of cupboord an cheſt.

118 Feare candle in hay loft, in Barne and in Shed,
feare flea ſnock, & mẽdreech, for burning their bed.

See dore lockt faſt,
two keyes make waſt.

119 A doore without lock is a baight for a knaue,
a lock without key, is a foole that will haue.

120 One key to two locks, if it breake is a griefe,
two keyes to one locke in the end is a thiefe.

Night

Night workes trouble hed,
Lock doores and to bed.

120 The day willeth done what ſo euer ye bid,
the night is a thiefe, if ye take not good hid.

121 Waſh diſhes, lay leauens, ſaue fyer and away,
lock dooꝛes and to bed, a good huſwife will ſay.

Bed time.

To bed knowe thy guiſe,
To ryſe doo likewiſe.

122 In winter at nine, and in ſommer at ten,
to bed after Supper, both maydens and men,

Time to ryſe.

123 In winter at fiue a clock, ſeruaunt ariſe,
in Sommer at fower is euer the guiſe.

Loue ſo as ye may,
liue many a day.

Be lowely not ſoollen, if aught go amiſſe,
what wꝛeſting may looſe thee, that win with a kiſſe:
Both beare and fogbeare, now and then as ye may,
then wenche God a mercy, thy huſband will ſay.

The plowmans feaſting dayes.

¶ This would not be ſlept,
Old guiſe muſt be kept.

Feaſting dayes.

GOod huſwiues whom God hath enriched enough
fogget not the feaſts that belong to the plough:
The meaning is onely to ioy and be glad,
fog comfogt with labour, is fit to be had.

Plough

Plough Monday,

1 Plough munday, next after ỳ Twelftide is paſt,
bids out wᵗ the plough, the wurſt huſband is laſt.
If ploughman get hatchet, or whip to the ſkreene
maydes loſeth their Cocke, if no water be ſeene.

Shroſtide.

3 At ſhroftide to ſhrouing, go threſh the fat Henne
if blindfilde can kill hir, then giue it thy men.
Maides fritters & pancakes, ynough ſee ye make,
let ſlut haue one pancake, for company ſake.

Sheepe ſhearing.

4 Wife make vs a dinner, ſpare fleſh neither corne,
make wafers & cakes, for our ſhepe muſt be ſhorne
at ſhepe shearing neighbors, no other thing craue
but goodcheere & welcom, like neighbors to haue.

The wake day.

5 Fil ouen of Flawns, Ginney paſſe not for ſleepe,
to morowe thy father, his wake day will kepe.
Then euery wanton, may daunce at hir will,
both Tomkin with Tomlin, & Jankin with Gill.

Harueſt home.

6 For all this good feaſting, yet art thou not looſe
til ploughmã thou giueſt, his harueſt home gooſe.
Though gooſe go in ſtubble, I paſſe not for that,
let gooſe haue a gooſe, be ſhe leane be ſhe fat.

7 Wife ſōtime this week, if the weather hold cleere
an end of wheat ſowing, we make for this yere.
Remember you therfore, though I do it not:
the ſeede Cake, the Paſties, and Furmenty pot.

Twiſe a weeke roeſt.

8 Good Ploughmē loke weekely, of cuſtome & right
for roſtmeat on Sūdaies, & Thurſdaies at night.
Thus doing & keeping, ſuch cuſtome and guiſe:
they cal thee good huſwife, they loue thee likewiſe.

The good Huſwifely
Phiſicke.

GOod huſwiues prouide, er an ſickneſs do come,
of ſūdry good things, in hir houſe to haue ſome.
Good Aqua compoſita, Viniger tart,
Roſe water & Treacle, to comfort the hart.
Cold herbes in hir garden, for Agues that burne,
that ouer ſtrong heat, to good temper may turne.
White Endiue & Suckry, wt Spinage ynough,
al ſuch wt good pot herbs, ſhould follow ye plough.
Get water of Fumetory, Liuer to coole,
and others the like, or els go like a foole.
Conſerue of the Barbery, Quinces & ſuch,
with Sirops that eaſeth, the ſickly ſo much.
Phiſition. Aſk Medicus counſell, ere medcine ye make,
and honour that man, for neceſſities ſake.
Though thouſands hate phiſick, becauſe of ye coſt,
yet thouſands it helpeth, that elſe ſhould be loſt.

Good

Good brothy & good keping do much now & than, good dyet.
good diet with wiſedome, beſt comforteth man.
In health to be ſtirring ſhall profite thee beſt,
in ſickneſs hate trouble, ſeeke quiet and reſt.
Remember thy ſoule, let no fanſy preuayle, thinke on thy ſoule.
make ready to Godward, let faith neuer quayle. haue a good hope.
The ſooner thy ſelfe, thou ſubmitteſt to God,
the ſooner he ceaſeth, to ſcourge with his rod.

The good motherly
Nurſery.

Good huſwiues take paine, & do count it good luck
to make ther own breſt, their own child to giue ſuk
Though wrauling & rocking, be noyſome ſo nere,
yet loſt by ill nurſling, is worſer to here.
But one thing I warne thee, let huſwife be nurſe,
leaſt huſband doth find thee, to frank to his purſe.
What hilbacke & fill belly, maketh away,
that help to make good, or els loke for a fray.
Giue child that is fitly, giue baby the big,
giue hardnes to youth, and giue roperipe a twig.
We find it not ſpoken, ſo often for naught,
that childzen were beteer, vnborne than vntaught
Som cockneis to coking, are made bery fooles,
fit neither for prentiſe, for plough nor for ſcholes.
Teach child to aſk bleſſing, ſerue God & to church,
the bleſſe as a mother: elſe bleſſe him with burch.
Thou huſwife thus doing, what further ſhal nede
but all men to call thee, good mother in dede.

REmember the poore, that for Gods sake do cal
for God both rewardeth, & blesseth with all.
Take this in good part, what soeuer thou be,
and wish me no wurse, then I wish vnto thee.

A Comparison betwene good Huswiferie and euill.

Comparing together, good Huswife and bad,
The knowledge of either, the better is had.

1 ILL huswifery lyeth,
till nine of the clocke,
Good huswiferie tryeth,
to rise with the Cocke.

2 Ill huswiferie tooteth,
to make hir selfe braue,
Good huswiferie looketh,
what houshold must haue.

3 Ill huswiferie trusteth,
to him and to hir,
Good huswiferie lusteth,
hir selfe for to stir.

4 Ill huswifery careth,
for this nor for that,
Good huswifery spareth,
for feare ye wot what.

5 Ill huſwiferie pricketh,
hir ſelfe vp in pride,
Good huſwifery tricketh,
hir houſe as a bride.

6 Ill huſwiferie one thing,
or other muſt craue,
Good huſwiferie nothing,
but nedefull will haue.

7 Ill huſwifery moueth,
with goſſep to ſpend,
Good huſwifery loueth,
hir houſhold to tend.

8 Ill huſwirie wanteth,
with ſpending too faſt,
Good huſwiferie ſcanteth,
the lenger to laſt.

9 Ill huſwifery eaſeth,
hir ſelfe with vnknowne,
Good huſwiferie pleaſeth,
hir ſelfe with hir owne.

10 Ill huſwifery brooketh,
mad toyes in hir hed,
Good huſwiferie looketh,
that all thing be fed.

11 Ill huſwirie bringeth,
a ſhilling to naught,
Good huſwifery ſingeth,
hir cofers full fraught.

 12 Ill

12 Ill huſwiferie rendeth,
and caſteth aſyde,
Good huſwifry mendeth,
elſe would it go wide.

13 Ill huſwierie ſwepeth,
hir linnen to gage,
Good huſwiferie kepeth,
to ſerue hir in age.

14 Ill huſwiferie craueth,
in ſecret to borow,
Good huſwiferie ſaueth,
to day for to morow.

15 Ill huſwirie pineth,
(not hauing to eate)
Good huſwifery dineth,
with plentie of meat.

16 Ill huſwiferie letteth,
the deuell take all,
Good huſwifery ſetteth,
good brag of a ſmall.

17 Good huſwife good fame hath,
of beſt in the towne,
Ill huſwife ill name hath,
of euery Clowne.

¶ Thus endeth the booke of Huſwiferie.

For men a perfect warning,
What child ſhall come by learning.

ALl you that faine would learne, the perfect way
to haue your child, in muſike ſome thing ſeene:
Aſke Nature firſt, what therto ſhe doth ſay,
ere further ſute, ye make to ſuch a Queene.
For doubtleſſe (Groſſum caput) is not he,
of whom the learned Muſes, ſeene will be.

Once tried that nature, trim hath done hir part,
and Lady Muſick, farre in loue withall:
Be wiſe who firſt, doth teach thy child that art,
leaſt homely breaker, marre fine ambling Ball.
Not rod in madbraines hand, is that can helpe,
But gentle ſkill, doth make the proper whelpe.

Where choyſe is hard, count good for well a fine,
ſkill mixt with will, is he that teacheth beſt,
Let this ſuffiſe for teaching child of thine:
chuſe quickly well, for all the lingring reſt.
Miſtaught at firſt, how ſeldome proueth well:
trim taught (O God) how ſhortly doth excell.

Although as ſhips, muſt tary wind & tide,
and perfect howers, abide their ſtinted time,
So likewiſe, though of learning (dayly tride)
ſpace muſt be had, ere witte may therto clime:
Yet eaſy ſteps, and perfect way to truſt,
doth cauſe good ſpeede, confeſſe of force we muſt.

Thus

Thus in the child, though wit ynough we finde,
and teacher good, neare hand, or other where:
And time as apt, as may be thought with minde,
nor cause, in such thing, much to doubt or feare:
Yet coking Mãnes, & shifting Dads frõ scholes,
makes prægnãt wittes, to proue vnlearned fooles.

Ere learning come, to haue first art thou taught,
apt learning child, apt time that thing to frame,
Apt cunning man to teach, else all is naught,
apt parents glad, to bring to passe the same.
On such apt ground, the Muses loue to build,
this lesson learne: adew else learned child.

A Sonet

A Sonet to the Lady Paget.

SOme pleaſures take,
and can not geue,
but onely make,
poore thanks their ſhift:
Some meaning well,
in det do leue,
and cannot tell,
how elſe to ſhift.

Some knock and faine,
would ope the doore,
to learne the vaine,
good turne to prayſe:
Some ſhew good face,
and be but poore,
yet haue a grace,
good fame to rayſe.

Some owe and geue,
yet ſtill in det,
and ſo muſt leiue,
for ought I know:
Some wiſh to pay,
and cannot get,
but night and day,
ſtill more muſt owe.
Euen ſo muſt I, for pleaſures paſt,
ſtill wiſh you good, while life doth laſt.

The deſcription of womans age by vi. times xiiii. yeares prentiſhip, with a leſſon to the ſame,

14 Two firſt vii. yeares, for a rod they doo whine,

28 Two next, as a Perle, in the world they do shine,

42 Two next, trim beautie beginneth to ſwerue,

56 Two next, for matrons, or drudgeis they ſerue,

70 Two next doth craue, a ſtaffe for a ſtay:

84 Two next, a beere to fetch them away.

A Leſſon

Then purchas ſome pelfe,
by fyfty & three:
Or buckle thy ſelfe,
a drudge for to bee.

Huſbandly poeſies for the hall.

1 FRend here I dwell, and here I haue a little worldly pelfe:
which on my friend I keepe to ſpend, as well as on my ſelf.

2 What euer fare you hap to finde, take welcome for the beſt:
that hauing then, diſdaine thou not, for wanting of the reſt.

3 Backbyting talk, & flattering blabs, know wily how to bleare,
the wiſe doth note, the friend doth hate, the enmie wil reuēge.

The

4 The wise wil spēd, or giue & lend, yet kepe to haue in store,
if fooles may haue, from hand to mouth, thei pas vpō no more.

5 Wher ease is sought, at lēgth we sée, ther plenty wareth scāt
who careles liue, go borow must, or else full often want.

6 The world doth think, ỳ welthi mā, is he that least shal nēd,
but true it is, the godly man is hée, that best shall spēd.

Poesies for the Parler.

AS hatred, is the serpents noysome rod
so friendship, is the loning gift of God.

2 The dronken friend, is friendship very euill,
the frantike friend, is friendship for the Deuill.

3 The quiet friend, al one in word and déd,
great comfort is, like ready golde at nēd,

4 With brauling foles, that wral for euery wrōg
firme friendship, neuer can continue long.

5 In time that man, shal seldome friendship misse,
that wayeth what thing, touch kept in friēdship is.

6 Oft times a friend, is got with easy cost,
which vsed euill, is oft as quickly lost.

7 Hast thou a friend, as hart may wish at will?
then vse him so, to haue his friendship still.

8 Wouldst haue a friend? wouldst know what friend is best?
haue God thy friend, who passeth all the rest.

Poſies for the geſts Chamber.

THe ſlouen and the careleſſe man, the roynish nothing nice,
to lodge in chamber comly deckt, are ſeldome ſuffred twice.

2 With curtein ſom make ſcaberd clene, w̄ couerlet wipe the
all dirt and mire, ſome wallow bed, as ſpaniels vſe to do.

3 though boots & ſpurs be nere ſo foul, what palleth ſom therō
what place they foile what thing thei teare, by tūbling therupō

4 Foule male ſome caſt on faier bord, be carpet nere ſo cleen,
what maners careleſſe maſter hath, by knaue his mā is ſeen.

5 Some make the chimney chāber pot, ſo ſmel like filthy ſink,
yet who ſo bold, ſo ſoone to ſay, ſough how theſe howles ſtink.
(ſpill,

6 They therfore ſuch, as make no force, what clenly thing they
muſt haue a kabben like thēſelues, although againſt their wil,

7 But gentlemen, wil gently do where gentlenesſe is ſheawd,
obſeruing this, with loue abide, or elſe hence all beſhreawd.

Poſies for thine owne bed
Chamber.

WHat wil dō more, what better like, thō pleaſeth god to ſend?
what worldly goos, what lōger vſe, thā pleſeth god to lēd?

2 What better fare thē wel cōtent, what mirth to godly welth
what better geſt then truſty frend, in ſickines and in health?

3 What better bed, then quiet reſt, to paſſe ỳnight with ſlepe?
what better worke, then dayly care, ſo ſin thy ſelf to keepe?

4 What

4 What better thought then think on god, & daily him to ſerue
whatcetter gift, than to the poore that ready be to ſterue?

5 What greater prayſe of God & man, than hatred to forſake,
what mercyleſſe, ſhall mercy get, that mercy none will take?

6 What worſe diſpaire, thā loth to die, for feare to go to hell,
what grutter faith, than truſt in God, through Chriſt in heauen to dwell?

Certaine table leſſons.

FRiend, eateles and drinkles, and buy thee a knife,
elſe looke for a caruar, not alway to riſe,
Some kniueles, their daggers for brauery weare,
that often for furketing need not to feare.

2 At dinner & ſupper the table doth craue,
good felowly neighbour, good maner to haue,
aduiſe thee well therefore, ere tong be to free,
or ſlapſauce be noted, to ſaucy to be.

3 If any thing wanteth or ſeemeth amiſſe,
to call for or ſhewit, good maner it is:
But buſie faut finder, and ſaucy withall,
is roiſter like ruffen, no maner at all.

4 Some cuttith the napkin, ſome trencher will nick,
Some ſheweth like folly in many a trick:
Let apiſhly body, ſo toying at meat,
goe toy with his nody, with ape in the ſtreat.

5 Some cõmeth vnſent for, not for thy good cheare,
but bent as a ſpyall, to liſten and heare.
which being once known, for a knaue let him go,
for knaue wilbe knauiſh, his nature is ſo.

Table leſſons for wayting ſeruants.

ONe diligent ſeruiture, ſkilfull to waight,
more comelyth thy table, then other ſome eight,
That ſtand for to liſten, or gaſing about:
not minding their duetie, within nor without.

2 Such wayter is fauty, that ſtandeth ſo bye,
vnmindfull of ſeruice, forgetting his eye.
If maſter to ſuch, giue a bone for to gnaw:
he doth but his office, to teach ſuch a daw.

3 Such ſeruiture alſo, deſerueth a check,
that runneth out fil king, with meat in his beck.
Such rauening puttocks, for vittels ſo trim:
would haue a good maiſter, to puttock with him.

4 Who dayly can ſuffer, or elſe can afoord,
his meat ſo vp ſnatched, that cõmes from his boord.
So toeſed with carnarants, here & there ſome:
and others to want it, that orderly come.

5 Good ſeruiture wayeth, (once dinner begonne,)
what aſketh attendance, and what to be donne.
So purchaſing maiſter, a praiſe with the beſt:
gets praiſe to him ſelfe, both of maiſter and geſt.

Prin-

Religion.

1 TO pray to God continually,
2 To learne to know him righthfully,
3 To honour God in Trinitie,
The Trinitie in vnitie,
The Father in his Maieſtie,
The Sonne in his humanitie,
The Holy Ghoſts benignitie,
three perſons, one in Deitie,
4 To ſerue him alway holily,
5 To aſke him all thing needfully,
6 To prayſe him alway woorthely,
7 To loue, him alway ſtedfaſtly,
8 To dread him alway fearefully,
9 To aſke him mercy hartely,
10 To truſt him alway faithfully,
11 To obey him alway willingly,
12 To abide him alway paciently,
13 To thank him alway thankfully,
14 To liue here alway vertuouſly,
15 To vſe thy neighbour honeſtly,
16 To looke for death ſtill preſently,
17 To helpe the poore in miſery,
18 To hope for heauens felicity,
19 To haue faith, hope, and charitie,
20 To count this life but vanitie,
bee pointes of Chriſtianitie.

God the ther.

THis is my stedfast Creede, my faith and all my trust,
That in the heauens ther is a God, most mighty, mild & iust
A God aboue all gods, a king aboue all kings,
The lord of lordes, chief gouernour, of heauē & earthly things.

Maker of heauen.

2 That power hath of life, of death, of heauen and hell,
That all thing made (as pleaseth him) so wonderful to tell:
That made the hanging Skies, so decke with diuers lights,
Of darknes made the cherefull dayes, & all our restful nights.

The earth

3 That clad this earth with herbe, with trées of sundry fruits,
with beast, w̄ bird, both wild & tame, of strange & sundry suits:
That intermixt the same, with mynes (like veines of Oze)
of siluer, gold, of precious stones, & treasures many moze.

4 That ioyned brookes to Dales, to hils freth water springs,
with Riuers sweete, along the Meades, to profit many things
That made the hoary Frostes, the flaky snowes so trim,
the hony deaws, the blustring windes, to serue as pleaseth him

The seas.

5 That made the surging Seas, in course to ebbe and floe,
That skilfull man, with sayling ship, mought trauell to & fro:
And stored so the same, for mannes vnthankfull sake,
that euery nation vnder Heauen, mought thereby profit take.

6 That gaue to man a soule, with reason how to liue,
That doth to him, and al thing else, his blessing dayly giue:
That is not seene, yet seeth, how man doth run his race,
whose daily works, both good & bad, stād known before his face

7 That sendeth thundring claps, like terrors out of hell,
That mā may know, a God ther is, ỹ in the heauēs doth dwell.
That sendeth threatning plagues, to keepe our liues in awe,
His benefites if we forget, or do contempne his law.

8 That

8 That dayly hateth ſinne, that loueth vertue well,
As is the God of Abraham, Iſaac and Iſraell.
That doth diſpleaſure take, when we his lawes offend,
And yet amids his heauie wrath, his mercy doth extend.

9 This, is that Lord of hoſtes, the father of vs all,
The maker of what ere was made, my God on whom I call. Chriſt
Which for the loue of man, ſent downe his onely ſonne, ſonne.
Begot of him, before the worldes, were any whit begonne.

10 This, entred Maries womb, as faith affirmeth ſure, Chriſtes birth.
Conceyued by the holy ghoſt, borne of that virgin pure. Chriſt
This, was both God and man, of Iewes the hoped kyng, e man.
And liued here, ſaue onely ſinne, like man in euery thing.

11 This, is that virgins child, that ſame moſt holy Prieſt, Chriſt o
the lamb of God, ỹ Prophet great, whom ſcripture calleth chriſt. Meſſias.
This, that Meſſias was, of whom the Prophet ſpake,
that ſhould tread down, ỹ Serpents head, & our attonemẽt make.

12 This, Iudas did betray, to falſe diſſembling Iewes, Chriſtes
Which vnto Pilate being Iudge, did falſly him accuſe. paſſion.
Who (through that wicked Iudge) and of thoſe Iewes deſpight,
Condemned & tormented was, with all the force they might.

13 To liuing wight more euill, what could ſuch wretches do
more pearcing woũds, more bitter pains, thã they did put him to.
They crowned him with thorne, that was the king of kings,
That ſought to ſaue, the ſoule of man, aboue all worldly things.

14 This, was, the Paſcall lamb, whoſe loue for vs ſo ſtoode, Chriſtes
that on the mount of Caluerine, did ſhed for vs his bloud. death.
Where hanging on the Croſſe, no ſhame he did forſake,
till death giuen him be pearcing ſpeare, an end of life did make.

15 This, Ioſeph ſeing dead, the body thence did craue, Chriſtes
and tooke it forthwith from the Croſſe, & layd it in his graue. burial.

discen-
n.

Downe thence he went to hell, in vling there his will,
His soule I meane, his slayned corps, in Tombe remayning still.

16 From death to life againe, the third day this did rise,
And seene on earth to his elect, times oft in sundry wise.
And after into heauen, ascend he did in sight,
And sitteth on the right hand there, of God the father of might.

17 Where for vs wretches all, his father he doth pray,
to haue respect vnto his death, and put our sinnes away.
From thence with sounded trūp, which noyse al flesh shal dread,
he shall returne with glory againe, to iudge the quick and dead.

18 Then shall that voyce be heard, come come ye good to me,
hence hence to hel you workers euill, where paine shal euer be.
This is that louing Christ, which I my Sauiour call,
and onely put my trust in him, and in none else at all.

19 In God the holy Ghost, I firmely do beleue,
Which from the father & the sonne proceding, life doth giue.
Which by the Prophets spake, which doth all comfort send,
which I do trust, shal be my guide, when this my life shall end.

20 A holy catholike Church, on earth I graunt there is,
& those which frame, their liues by that, shall neuer spede amisse.
The head wherof is Christ, his word the chiefest post:
preseruer of this Temple great, is God the holy Ghost.

21 I do not doubt there is, a multitude of Saints,
more good is don, resembling thē, then shewing thē our plaintes.
Their faith and workes in Christ, that glory them did giue:
which glory we shall likewise haue, if likewise we do liue.

22 At God of heauen there is, forgiuenes of our sinnes,
through Christes death, through faith in it, & through none other
If we repentant here, his mercy dayly craue, (ginnes.
through stedfast hope & fayth in Christ, forgiuenes we shall haue.

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23 I hope and truſt vppon, the ryſing of the fleſh, Mans re-
this coꝛpes of mine (that firſt muſt die) ſhall riſe againe a freſh. ſurrectiō
The body and ſoule euen then, in one ſhall ioyned be:
as Chꝛiſt did riſe, frō death to life, euē ſo thꝛough Chꝛiſt ſhall we.

24 As Chꝛiſt is glozified, and neuer moze ſhall die,
As Chꝛiſt aſcended is to heauen, thꝛough Chꝛiſt euen ſo ſhall I. Life ey-
As Chꝛiſt I count my head, and I a member of his, laſting.
So God I truſt, foꝛ Chꝛiſtes ſake, ſhall ſettle me in bliſſe.

THus here we learne of God, that there be perſons thꝛée,
the Father, Sonne, the holy Ghoſt, one God in trinitie.
In ſubſtance all like one, one God, one Lozd, one might,
whoſe perſons yet we do deuide, and ſo we may by right.

As God the father is, the maker of vs all,
So God the Sonne redæmer is, to whom foꝛ helpe we call,
And God the holy Ghoſt, the ſoule of man doth winne,
By mouing hir to waile foꝛ grace aſhamed of hir ſinne.

This is that God of Gods, whom euery ſoule ſhould loue,
whō al mēs harts, ſhuld quake foꝛ feare, his wꝛath on thē to moue
That this ſame mightie God, aboue all other chiefe:
ſhall ſaue my ſoule, from dolefull Hel, is all my whole beliefe.

O God thou glorious God, what God is like to thée,
what like, what strēgth, is like to thine, as al ỳ world may sée,
Thy heauens, thine earth, thy Seas, & all thy works therin,
do shew (to whō thou wouldest to know) what & hast euer beene:

2 But all the thoughts of man, are bent to wretched euill,
Man doth commit Idolatry, bewitched of the Deuill.
What euill is left vndone, where man may haue his will:
Man euer was an hipocrite, & euer wilbe still.

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3 What dayly watch is made, the soule of man to slea,
By Lucifer, by Belzabub, Mammon, and Asmode,
In diuelish pride, in wrath, in coueting too much,
In fleshly lust the time is spent, the life of man is such.

4 The ioy that here he hath, is as a sparke of fier,
His acts be like the smoldring smoke, him selfe but dirt & mier:
His strength euen as a Rēde, his age much like the flower,
His breath or life is but a puffe, vncertein euery hower.

5 But for the holy Ghost, & for his gifts of grace,
The death of Christ, thy mercy great, man wers in woful case,
O graunt vs therfore Lord, to amend that is amisse,
and when from hence, we do depart, to rest with thée in blisse.

Eleemosina prodest homini in vita, in
morte & post mortem.

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FOr onely loue to God, more Christian like to liue,
and for a zeale, to helpe the powre, thine almes dayly giue.
Let gift no glorie loke, nor euil possesse thy mind:
and for a troth, these profits three, through almes shalt thou find.

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1 Firſt, here the holy Ghoſt, ſhall dayly through his grace,
Prouoke thée to repentant life, Gods mercy to embrace.

2 Of goods & friends (by death) when thou thy leaue muſt take,
thine almes dedes, ſhall claſp thy ſoule, and neuer it forſake.

3 When God ſhall (after death) call ſome for thine account,
thine almes thē (through faith in Chriſt) ſhal al thing els ſurmount
But yet for any déede, put thou no truſt therin,
But put thy truſt in God (through Chriſt) to pardon thée thy ſin.
For els as cackling Henne, with noyſe bewrayes hir neſt,
Euen ſo go thou and blaze thy déedes, & loſe thou all the reſt.

Malus homo,

Of naughty man I read, two ſundrie thinges are ment,
The tone is man, the tother naught which ought him to repēt
The man we ought to loue, becauſe of much therein,
The euill in him, we ought to hate, becauſe it is a ſin.
So doth thy dayly ſinnes, thy heauenle Lord offend:
But when thou doſt, repent the ſame, his wrath is at an end.

Of two ſortes of men tone good,
and tother bad.

Since firſt the world began, there was and ſhalbe ſtill,
Of humaine kind, two ſundry ſorts, thone good, & thother ill.
Which till the Iudgment day, ſhall here to gether dwell,
But then the good ſhall vp to heauen, the bad ſhall downe to hell.

Diabolo cum reſiſtitur, eſt vt formica, Cum vero eius ſuggeſtio recipitur, fortis eſt vt Leo.

When Sathan we reſiſt, a Pyſmier ſhall he bée,
But when we ſéeme, to giue him place, a Lyon then is he.

Sancti Barnardi dicta.

CVR mundus militat, ſub vana gloria,
Cuius proſperitas, eſt tranſitoria?
Tam cito labitur eius potentia,
Quam vaſa figuli, quæ ſunt fragilia.

2 Plus crede litteris, ſcriptis in glacie,
Quam mundi fragilis, vanæ fallatiæ.
Fallax in premiis, virtutis ſpecie,
Quæ nunquam habuit tempus fidutiæ.

3 Magis credendum eſt viris fallacibus,
Quam mundi miſeris proſperitatibus,
Falſis inſaniis & voluptatibus,
Falſis quoque ſtudijs & vanitatibus.

4 Dic vbi Salamon, olim tam nobilis?
Vel vbi Sampſon eſt, dux inuincibilis?
Vel dulcis Ionathas, multum amabilis?
Vel pulcher Abſolon, vultu mirabilis?

5 Quo Cæſar abijt, celſus imperio,
Vel diues ſplendidus, totus in prandio?
Dic vbi Tullius, clarus eloquio,
Vel Ariſtoteles, ſummus ingenio?

6 O æſca vermium, ò maſſa pulueris,
O ros, ô vanitas, cur ſic extolleris?
Ignoras penitus vtrum cras vixeris,
Fac bonum omnibus, quam diu poteris.

7 Quam breue feſtum eſt, hæc mundi gloria?
Vt vmbra hominum, ſic eius gaudia.
Quæ ſemper ſubtrahit eterna premia,
Et ducunt hominem, ad dura deuia.

8 Hæc mundi gloria, quæ magni penditur,
Sacris in literis, flos fæni dicitur.
Vt leue folium, quod vento rapitur,
Sic uita hominum, hac vita tollitur.

FINIS.

¶ *Eight of Saint Barnardes verſes, tranſlated out of Latten into English by this Auctor, for one kind of note to ſerue both ditties.*

WHy ſo triumphes the worlde, in pomp and glory vaine,
Whoſe ſtate ſo happie thought, vnſteady doth remaine.
Whoſe power ſlippery ſtands, and doth ſo ſone decay:
As doth the potters pan, compact of brytle claye.

2 More credite ſée thou giue, to letters wrote in yſe,
Then vnto vaine deceipts, of brittle worldes deuiſe.
In giftes to vertue due, beguiling many one,
Yet thoſe ſame neuer haue, long time to hope vpon.

3 To falſe diſſembling men, more truſt is to be had,
Then to the proſperous ſtate, of wretched world ſo bad.
What with voluptuouſnes, and other maddiſh toyes,
Falſe ſtudies wonne with paine, falſe vanities and ioyes.

4 Tell where is *Salamon*, that once ſo noble was,
Or where now *Sampſon* is, in ſtrength whom none could paſſe.
Or worthy *Ionathas*, that Prince ſo louely bold:
Or fayer *Abſolon*, ſo goodly to be hold.

5 Shew whither is *Ceſar* gone, which conquerd farre and nere,
Or that rich famous *Carle*, ſo giuen to belly chére.

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Shew where is *Tully* now, for eloquence ſo fitte,
Or *Ariſtotiles*, of ſuch a pregnant witte.

6 O thou fit bait for wormes, O thou great heape of duſt,
O dew, O vanitie, why ſo ertoll thy luſt.
Thou therfore ignorant, what time thou haſt to liue,
Do good to ery man, while here thou haſt to giue.

7 How ſhort a feaſt (to compt) is this ſame worlds renowne,
Such as mens ſhadowes be, ſuch ioyes it brings to towne.
Which alwayes plucketh vs, from Gods eternall bliſſe,
And leadeth man to hell, a iuſt reward for his.

8 The brauery of this world, eſtéemed here ſo much,
In ſcripture likened is, to flower of graſſe and ſuch.
Like as the leafe ſo light, which wind abrode doth blowe,
So doth this worldly life, the life of man bellowe.

FINIS.

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The deſcription of an enuious
and naughty neighbour.

A Enuious neighbour is eaſy to finde,
His comberſome tetches, are ſeldom behinde.
His hatred procureth from naughty to wurſe
His friendſhip, like Judas, that carried the purſe,
His head as a ſtorehouſe, with quarels full fraught.
His braine, is vnquiet, till all come to naught.
His memory pregnant, old euils to recyte,
His mind euer fired, each euill to requyte.
His mouth full of venym, his lips out of frame,
His tong a falſe witneſſe, his friend to defame.
His eyes be promoters, ſome treſpas to ſpye,
His eares be as ſpyals, a larum to crye.
His hands be as tyrannts, reuenging each thing,
His fête at thine elbow, as ſerpent to ſting.
His breſt full of rancor, like Coprus to freat,
His hart like a Lion, his neighbour to eat.
His gate like a ſhépebyter, flearing aſyde,
His loke like a cocomb, vp puffed with pryde.
His face made of braſſe, like a vice in a game,
His ieſture like Dauus, whom Terence doth name
His brag as Therſites, with elbowes abrode,
His chékes in his fury, ſhall ſwell like a Tode.
His couler like aſhes, his cap in his eyes,
His noſe in the ayer, his ſnout in the ſkies.
His promis to truſt to, as ſlipper as Ile,
His credit much like, to the chance of the dyce.
His knowledge or ſkill, is in prating to much,
His company ſhonned, and ſo be all ſuch.
His friendſhip is counterfet, ſeldome to truſt,
His doings vnlucky, and euer vniuſt.
His fetch is to flatter, to get what he can,
His purpoſe once gotten, a pynne for thé than.

Fortuna non eſt ſemper amica,
Superbiam igitur ſemper deuita.

THough Fortune ſmiles, & fawnes vpon thyſt de,
Thy ſelfe extoll for that no whit the more,
Though Fortune frownes, and wrecketh all thing wide:
Let fanly ſtay, kéepe courage ſtill in ſtore:
For chance may change, as chance hath done before:
Thus ſhalt thou holde, more ſafe thine honour got,
Or loſe the leſſe, though Fortune will or not.

Thy friend at this, ſhall dayly pleaſure haue,
when warely thus, thou beareſt thy ſelf vpright;
Thy foes at this, ſhall gladly friendſhip craue,
When hope ſo ſmall is left, to wreck their ſpight,
For lowly life withſtandeth enuy quight.
As floeting Ship, by bearing ſayle alow:
Withſtandeth ſtorms, when boiſtrous winds do blow.

Thyne vſage thus, in time ſhall win the gole,
Though doubtfull haps, dame Fortune ſends betweene:
And thou ſhalt ſée, thyne ennemies blow the cole:
To eaſe thine hart, much more then thou doſt weene:
Yea though a change, moſt ſtrangely ſhould be ſéene,
Yet friend at néed, ſhall ſecret friendſhip make,
When foe in déed, ſhall want, his parte to take.

Of thauthors departing from Court to the Countrie.

Alse not my friend, to finde me here,
Contented with this poore estate,
And seeme to dw, with willing chere,
That courtier doth, so deadly hate:
For fortunes lwke,
Hath changed heiwe,
And I my bwke,
must learne a neiw.

2 And yet of force, to learne a new
Would much abash, the dulled brayne,
I crawe to iudge, if this be true,
the truant child, that knowth the paine,
But where a spight,
Of force must be,
What is that wight,
may disagrée.

No, no, God wot, to disagrée,
Is ventring all to make or marre,
If fortune frowne, we dayly sée,
It is not best, to strwe to farre:
For lordly bent,
Must learne to spare,
And be content,
With country fare.

4 From daintie court, to country fare,
To daintie fed, is diet strange,
From Cities ioy, to country care,
to skilles folke, is homely change.

Where need yet can,
none other ſkill.
ſomtime poꝛe man
muſt bꝛeake his will.

5 If courtly change, ſo bꝛeaketh will,
that countrey life, muſt ſerue the turne,
what pꝛofit then, in ſtriuing ſtill,
againſt the pꝛick to ſæme to ſpurne.
If court with cart,
muſt be content:
what eaſe to hart,
though mind repent.

6 What gaine I, though I do repent
my crotches al, are bꝛoke and gone,
My wonted friends, are careles bent,
they feare no chance, I chance vpon.
As nẽd doth make
old age to trot,
So muſt I take,
in woꝛth my lot.

7 Now, if I take in woꝛth my lot,
that fatall chance doth foꝛce me to,
If ye be friends, embꝛaid me not,
but vſe a friend, as friends ſhould do.
Behold the hoꝛſe
muſt trudge foꝛ pelfe:
And yet of foꝛce
content it ſelfe.

Now

NOw gentle friend, if thou be kiende,
Disdaine thou not, although the lot,
will now with me, no better be,
then doth appeare:
Nor let it greue, that thus I line,
But rather gesse, for quietnes,
As others do, so do I so,
Content me here.

2 By leaue & loue, of God aboue,
I mind to shewe, in versis sewe,
how through ỳ brérs, my youthful yeres
haue ronne their race:
And further say, why thus I stay,
and minde to leiue, as bée in heiue,
Full bent to spend, my life to an end,
in this same place.

3 It came to pas, that borne I was,
Of linnage good, of gentle blod,
In Esser layer, in village fayer,
that Riuenhall hight:
Which village lide, by bancktre side,
There spend did I, myne infancy,
There then my name, in honest fame,
remaind in sight.

Borne at Riuenhall in Essex.

4 I, yet but yong, no spéche of tonge,
Nor teares withall, that often fall,
Fro mothers eyes, whē childe out cryes
to part her fro:
Could pitie make, good father take,
But out I must, to tonge be thrust,
Say what I would, do what I could,
his mynd was so.

set to song schoole.

queristers misery.

5 O painefull time, for euery crime,
What toesed eares, like bayted beares,
What bobbed lips, what Jerks, what nipps,
what hellish toyes:
What roebes how bare, what colledge fare,
What bread how stale, what penny ale,
Wallingford college Then Wallingford, how wart thou abordе,
of sely boyes.

6 Then for my boyce, I must (no choyce)
Away of force, like poesting horse,
Singing mens commissions For sundry men, had plagards then,
such childe to take:
The better brest, the lesser rest,
To serue the Queere, now there now here,
For time so spent, I may repent,
and sorrow make.

7 But marke the chance, my selfe to vance,
By friendships lot, to Powels I got,
So found I grace, a certeyn space,
still to remayne:
Jhon Redford an excellent musition. With Redford there, the like no where,
For cunning such, and vertue much,
By whom some parte, of Musick arte,
so did I gaine.

8 From Powels I went, to Eton sent,
To learne straightwayes, the Latine phrayes,
Where fyfty thre stripes giuen to mee
at once I had:
For fault but small, or none at all,
Nicolas Udal schole meister at Eton. it came to pas, thus beat I was,
See vdall see, the mercy of thee,
to mee poore lad.

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9 To London hence, to Cambridge thence,
With thanks to thée, O Trinitie,
That to thy hall, so palling all,
I got at last:
There ioy I felt, there trim I dwelt,
There heauen from hell, I thirled well,
With learned men, a number then,
The time I past.

Trinity hall in Cambridge.

10 Long sycknes had, then was I glad,
To leaue my booke, to proue and looke,
In Court what gayne, by taking payne,
Mought well be found:
Lord Paget than, that Noble man,
Whose soule I trust, is with the iust,
What same was hée, enriched mée,
With many a pound.

Lord Paget good to his seruants.

11 Whyle this betyed, good parents dyed,
One after one, till both were gone,
Whose petygrée, who list may sée,
In Harrolds booke:
Whose soules in blisse, be long er this,
For hope we must, as God is iust,
So here that craue, shall mercy haue,
That mercy loke.

The hope we haue of the dead.

12 By Court I spyed, and ten yeares tryed,
That cardes and dyce, with Venus byte,
And peeuish pride, from vertue wydes,
With some so wraught:
That Vyburne playe, made them awaye,
Or beggers state, as euill to hate,
By such like euils, I saw such dreuils,
To come to naught.

The vices of the court

13 Yet

The court cõmodded.

13 Yet is it not, to be forgot,
In Court that some, to worship come,
And some in time, to honour clime,
and spéde full well:
Some haue such gift, that trym they shift,
Some profit make, by paynes they take,
In perill much, though oft are such,
In Court that dwell.

The notable little at variance.

14 When Court gan frown, & strife in towne,
And lordes & knights, saw heauy sights,
Then toke I wife, and led my life,
In Suffolke soyle:
There was I fayne, my selfe to trayne,
To learne to long, the fermours song,
For hope of pelfe, like worldly elfe,
to moyle and toyle.

15 As in this booke, who lyst to looke,
Of hus bandry, and hus wifery,
There may he find, more of my mind,
Concerning this:
To carpe and care, and euer bare,
with losse and payne, to little gayne,
All this to haue, to cram sir knarre,
what life it is.

16 When wife could not, through sickenes got,
more toyle abyde, so nigh Deas syde,
Then thought I best, from toyle to rest,
And Ipswich trye:
A towne of price, like paradyse,
For quiet then, and honest men,
There was I glad, much friendship had,
A tyme to lye.

17 There

17 There left good wife; this preſent life,
And there left I, houſe charges lye,
For glad was he, mought ſend for me,
Good lucke ſo ſtode:
In Suffolke there, were euery where,
Euen of the beſt, beſides the reſt,
That neuer did, their frendſhip hid,
To do me good.

18 O Suffolke thou, content thée now,
That hadſt the prayſe, in thoſe ſame dayes,
For Squyers & knights, that well delights,
Good houſe to kéepe:
For Norfolke wyles, ſo full of guyles,
Haue caught my toe, by wyuing ſo,
That out to thée, I ſée for mée,
No way to créepe.

Suffolks cõmended.

19 For lo, through guyle, what haps the while,
Through Venus toyes, in hope of ioyes,
I chaunced ſone, to find a moone,
of cherefull hew:
Which well a fyne, me thought did ſhine,
Did neuer chaunge, (a thing moſt ſtraunge)
Yet kept in ſight, hir courſe aright,
and compaſſe trew.

Miſtres I my Moone

20 Behold of trueth, with wife in youth,
For ioy at large, what dayly charge,
Through childrens hap, what opened gap,
To more begonne:
The child at nurſe, to rob the purſe,
The ſame to wed to trouble hed,
For pleaſure rare, ſuch endleſſe care,
Hath huſband wonne.

The charges foloing a yong wife

well Dyr rã Abbey.

21 Then did I dwell, in Dyram ſell,
A place for wood, that trymly ſtod,
With fiſh & fleſh, as hart would wiſh,
But when I ſpide:
That Lord with Lord, could not accorde,
But now pound he, & now pound we,
Then left I all, becauſe ſuch brall,
I liſt not bide.

ſir Richard Southwell

22 O Southwell what, meanſt thou by that,
Thou worthy wight, thou famous Knight,
So me to craue, and to thy graue,
Goe by and by:
O death thou foe, why didſt thou ſo,
Ungently treat, that Jewell great,
Which kept his dore, to rich and poore,
So bounteouſly.

23 There thus beſtad, when leaue I had,
By death of him, to ſink or ſwim,
And Ravens I ſaw, together draw,
In ſuch a ſort:
Then wayes I ſought, by wiſedome tought,
To beare low ſayle, leaſt ſtock ſhould quayle,
Till ſhip mought find, with proſperous wind
Some ſafer port.

Norwich Citie.

24 At length by dew, to ſhore I drew,
Diſcharging ſtraight, both ſhip & fraight,
At Norwich fyne, for me and mine,
A Citie trim:
Where ſtraungers well, may ſeme to dwel,
That pytch & pay, or kepe their day,
But who that want, ſhall fynd it ſcant,
So good for him.

25 But Salisbery how, were kept my bow,
If prayse from thée, were kept by me,
Thou gentle deane, my onely meane,
there then to liue:
Though churles such som, to craue can come,
And pray once got, regard thée not,
Yet liue or die, so will not I,
example giue.

Master Salisbury deane of Norwich.

26 When learned men, could there nor then
Deuise to aswage, the stony rage,
Nor yet the furie, of my disturie,
that long I had:
From Norwich ayer, in great dispayer,
Away to flie, or else to die,
To sécke more health, to sécke more welth,
then was I glad.

27 From thence so sent, away I went,
With sicknes worne, as one forlorne,
To house my hed, at Fayersted,
where whiles I dwelt:
The tything life, the tything strife,
Through tything ill, of Jack and Gyll,
The dayly payes, the myery wayes,
to long I felt.

Fayersted personage in Essex

25 When charges grew, still new & new,
And that I spied, if person died,
(All hope in vaine,) to hope for gaine,
I might go daunce:
Once rid my hand, of personage land,
Thence by and by, away went I,
To London straight, to hope & waight,
For better chaunce.

London cõmended.

29 Well London well, that bearst the bell.
Of praise about, England through out,
And dost in deede, to such as neede,
Much kindnes shew:
Who that with thee can hardly agree,
Nor can well praise, thy frendly wayes,
Shall frendship finde, to please his minde,
In places few.

30 As for such mates, as learning hates,
Be he or they, as go so gey,
That needes he must, take all of trust.
For him and his:
Though such for wo, by Lothbery go,
For being spide, about Cheapside,
Least Mercers bookes, for mony lookes,
Small matter it is.

A lesson for yonger bro hers.

31 ¶ Thus frendes beame, perceyue may ye,
That Gentrie stands, not all by lands,
Nor all so left,, or plentie left,
By Parents gift:
But now and then, of gentlemen,
The younger sonne, is driuen to ronne,
And glad to seeke, from creeke to creeke,
To come by thrift.

32 And more by this to conster is,
In world is set ynough to get,
But where and whan, that scarcely can,
The wisest tell:
By learning some, to riches come,
By ship and plough, some get enough,
And some so wiue, that trim they thriue,
And spende full well.

33 To this before, add one thing more,
Youth hardnes fought, with knowledge wrought
Most apt do proue, so shift and shoue,
among the best:
Where coeking Dads make sawcy lads,
In youth so rage, to beg in age.
else to fetch, a Tyburne stretch,
among the rest.

Hardnes in youth not the worst.

Coking of youth not the best.

34 Not rampish toye, of gyrle and boye,
Nor garment trym, of hir or him,
In childehode spent, to fond entent,
God end doth frame:
If marke we shall, the summe of all,
The end it is, that noted is,
Which if it bide, with vertue tride,
deserueth fame.

Not pryde in youth, but welth in age need full.

35 When all is donne, learne this my sonne,
Not friend nor skill, nor wyt at will,
Nor ship nor clod, but onely God,
doth all in all:
Man taketh payne, God giueth gayne.
Man doth his best, God doth the rest,
Man well entends, God foyzen sends,
Else want hee shall.

Man doth labor & god doth blesse.

36 Some seeke for wealth, I seeke my health,
Some seeke to please, I seeke myne ease,
Some seeke to saue, I seeke to haue,
To liue vpright:
More then to ryde, with pompe or pryde,
Or for to set, in others det,
Such is my skill, and shalbe still,
For any wight.

37 To

37 To fond were I, here thus to lye,
vnles that wealth, mough further health,
and profit some, should thereby come
to help withall:
This causeth me, well pleased bee,
such drift to make, such life to take,
enfo[r]cing mind, remorse to inde,
as need, nere shall.

38 Friend (all thing wayed, that here is sayed,
and being got, that payes the shot)
... thinke of right, haue leaue I might,
death drawing nere:
To seeke some wayes, my god to prayes,
and mercy craue, in time ... haue,
and for the rest, what hee thinks best,
to suffer here.

FINIS.